



Newsletter

25th October 2024

Here we are, at the end of a very busy 8 week half term with lots achieved and lots to celebrate! It is fantastic to see just how well our children have settled into their new classes and to share in all their accomplishments so far this year! Wonderful!

Mrs Taylor

An update on Mrs Taylor. I am pleased to inform parents/carers and all our children that Mrs Taylor has made an excellent recovery from her surgery and will return to work after half term! Once again, thank you for all the kind messages and good wishes that so many of you have passed on. Mrs Taylor expresses her heartfelt gratitude to you all and cannot wait to get back to Barly Fields where she belongs!

Monday 4th November – Apple PD Day for Staff



On Monday 4th November, school will be closed to all children as our staff will be working directly with professionals from Apple as we move towards achieving Apple Distinguished Educator status. This will be a huge achievement for Barley Fields, as we will be officially recognised as a centre of educational excellence for the use and application of Apple technology – as well as becoming a beacon school for the training and development for others

in the primary sector. We are very excited to continue to work with Apple Education to get the best possible deal for our children. When the guys from Apple visited us in the summer term, they were so very impressed at how well Apple technology is already embedded in our current practice and just how incredibly skilled our children already are at using this technology to advance their own learning. On the PD Day, all teachers will be further upskilled by professionals from Apple so that they can refine and improve our curriculum offer further. Exciting times!

Halloween Discos

Huge thanks to our PTA for organising our hugely successful Halloween discos in school. Thanks to Mrs Clarke who works in our office and Mrs Ellis and Mrs Taylor-who also work in school for the hard work and effort that went into organising the discos. Well done to all children on your fantastic costumes! They were outstanding! I am pleased to inform you that the discos raised a fantastic total of £1080.16! This will all go towards the replacement of our stage lighting system in the main hall!



incredible Andy McColgan came into school today to

Supporting Families in Ukraine

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to support families in Ukraine who continue to suffer great hardship because of the ongoing conflict in the region. The

collect your kind donations, which he will take to Ukraine on 27th October 2024 - Andy will be accompanied by the amazing John Hoyle.

Fantastic work guys! You are an inspiration to us all!

Year 6 Pupil Governors



Huge congratulations to our new Year 6 Pupil Governors who are pictured above sporting their new, prestigious red and silver ties! Well done to Isaac, Rosie, Eisa, Marysia, Ralph and Sadie! Our pupil governors have already made a fantastic start to their new roles by leading celebration assemblies on a Friday! You are all fantastic role models!

Year 6 Music Journalists

Our Year 6 music journalists (part of the newly formed BFME – Barley Fields Musical Express) have spent time talking to Guardian writer, Tim Jonze. They collaboratively prepared some well thought out questions for Tim and he gave



them advice about interviewing skills as well as sharing what it is like to be a music journalist for the national media. The children were incredible, and Tim commented on how impressed he was with their questions, enthusiasm, and passion towards their new roles. Thanks to Mrs Forster for organising this fantastic experience for our children.

An Update on Mrs Ward – Year 5

Mrs Ward continues to be absent from work due to personal circumstances. Although she will be returning to work shortly after half term, Mrs Forster will remain the Year 5 class teacher until the end of the year. Thanks to everyone who has passed on their best wishes to Mrs Ward- she is very appreciative and wanted me to express her gratitude to you all.

Year 5 Egyptian Projects



A huge congratulations to the children in Year 5 for their incredibly creative projects on Ancient Egypt! A big thanks to all parents/carers who have helped and supported their children to produce some stunning projects at home. I have wandered around the classrooms today looking at the incredible models and artwork and it was so good to see how proud the

children were of their achievements. Well done everyone!

Parents Consultations

On the 11th of November and the 13th of November, we will be holding our annual consultation evenings between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Please note that Monday 11th will be an online consultation for parents/carers who prefer this option and Wednesday 13th November will be a face-to-face consultation in school for parents who choose this option. More details of how to book a ten-minute slot to follow.

Just a reminder - Diary Dates – Autumn 2024

4.11.24 PD Day – School closed to children.

5.11.24 All children return to school.

11.11.24 & 13.11.24 Parent Consultations

18.11.24 – Y5 visit to Teesmouth -Mrs Forster's class.

19.11.24 – Y5 visit to Teesmouth -Mrs Wyr's class.

20.11.24 – Y5 visit to Teesmouth -Miss Temple's class.

20.11.24 – PTA Christmas fayre – 3.30pm – 6.30pm

28.11.24 – Conyers' School show for Y3 and Y5- 10.00am

02.12.24 – Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run.

04.12.24- Reception Nativity performance – Mrs Allen's class – 9.30am-10.30am

04.12.24 -Reception Nativity performance – Mrs Ripley's class – 2.00pm -3.00pm

05.12.24 – Reception Nativity performance -Mrs Flores-Dominguez's class – 9.30 am-10.30 am.

10.12.24 – Year 4 Christmas performance – 5.00pm-6.30pm

11.12.24 – Year 4 Christmas performance -9.30 am- 11.00am

12.12.24 – Year 2 Christmas performance 5.00pm-6.00pm

13.12.24 – Year 2 Christmas performance – 9.30am -10.30am

16.12.24 – School Christmas Lunch Day

17.12.24 – Year 6 Christmas performance – 5.00-6.30pm

18.12.24 – Year 6 Christmas performance – 9.30am-11.00am

19.12.24 – Year 1 to panto at Billingham Forum

20.12.24 – Break up for Christmas.

06.01.25 – Children return to school.

Have a lovely half term everyone!

Mr Shildrick

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