



Christmas Newsletter

December 2024



Here we are again, at the end of another busy Autumn term and an extremely fun filled Christmas period.



As I write this newsletter, I can hear children and staff in the hall and corridor enjoying some last-minute Christmas games and activities together! There is laughter and music around the building and the sound of children enjoying their day in school. This is what we are about at Barley Fields – happy children!

Nativities and Performances

We were so pleased to be able to share Christmas performances with the parents and grandparents of our children and in Reception and Year 2 we were treated to two nativity performances; 'We are Going on a Baby Hunt' and 'The Bossy King!'. Both were wonderful and the children showed some amazing talents. They certainly brought a tear to my eye!



Year 4 completed two performances of 'The Jingle Book'. It was a lovely show with some funny jokes and such great comic timing.

This week our Year 6 children also performed 'The Wizard of Oz' and in my 18 years of working here at Barley Fields I have never seen such a magnificent performance, certainly equal to anything seen in a professional theatre. We undoubtedly have some talented children in school and it is amazing to see their confidence grow as they progress through school and their absolute joy in performing.

Thank you to everyone who attended our performances it really makes a difference to the children.



PTA and Lighting Fund

We have now had full year fundraising for our replacement lighting and you will agree it makes such a difference to the performances. This fundraising has been a brilliant effort by the whole school community and the PTA's organisation of some great events. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to the performances and for the raffle, also to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair. In total we have raised £3288.32 from all our events. This will be added to the lighting fund and we are hoping to have the lights installed early next year.



PTA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the PTA Raffle. Over 30 amazing prizes were won yesterday and our top prizes went to:

- £200 – JJ Frankish
- £100 – Amber Clarke
- £50 – George Mullins

Well done to everyone who was lucky enough to win a prize. A huge thank you to Mrs Young for her gorgeous hamper donations and gifts.

Christmas Lunch

On Monday we held our school Christmas Lunch which was kindly provided by our talented kitchen staff. It was wonderful to see all of our school family come together to celebrate Christmas in the traditional manner and it was a lovely festive occasion.



Thank you to all our amazing lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff for their hard work.

Rudolph Run – Teesside Hospice



Our Rudolph run, in aid of Teesside Hospice, was yet again a runaway success. Despite the weather we had such fun running laps around the playground and MUGA as part of the challenge. Some of the children are unbelievably fit and I was

astounded at how many times they could run around the track! I think some of them must work on batteries!

In total we raised **£1275** for Teesside hospice. An absolutely astounding effort! Thank you.

Choir

Year 3 and 4 Choir had a fantastic afternoon visiting Ingleby Care home to spread some festive cheer! They sang a medley of Christmas favourites and the children enjoyed putting smiles on everyone's faces. They also visited Tesco too!



Christmas Craft Days

Our Christmas Craft days have been a huge success in school. As always, the creativity of the children and staff astounds me! I hope enjoyed their creations.

Christmas Quiz

Our children enjoyed taking part in our Christmas Quizzes today. It was wonderful to see the crazy but competitive nature of the children and staff. Congratulations to the worthy winners:

- KS1 – Mrs Weegram
- LKS2 – Miss Robinson
- UKS2 – Miss Barton (for the 4th year running!)

School Return – January 2025

We will return to school on **Monday 6th January**.

Please remember that the official start to the school day is **8.45am** and children should be in school ready to begin their morning learning at this time.



Facebook

Many of the amazing things we complete at Barley Fields are now shared on Facebook. Please like and follow our accounts to see lots of examples of the things we do in school. Look out for the Christmas surprise from the teachers today.

Can I remind parents that our social media is for publicity only. If you have a concern, a question or a problem please contact our school directly via email or telephone and not through these pages.

Thank you!

Finally, can I say an enormous thank you to all the staff in school who collectively work extremely hard to make our school run smoothly.

The Barley Fields staff are a remarkable team who continually have our children at the heart of everything they do. I cannot be prouder of them or thank them enough! Well done everyone!

From everyone here at Barley Fields we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you in 2025!
Love Mrs. Taylor xxxx

