

# Weekly Bulletin

Inspire, Create, Discover, Together

## Remote Attendance Matters!

# TURN UP



School attendance is key to keep children’s learning moving forward. **Engaging with live online sessions and lessons set by your class teacher is the same as TURNING UP to school every day.** It’s really important to build a weekday daily routine of learning that is regular and works for your child, and then have a really good rest at the weekend. This is good for the well-being and mental health of the whole family as well as the children’s education.

# TURN IN



The school needs to monitor how the children are engaging with their learning. This is really easy with Google classroom, as long as you TURN IN the work you are completing. **Don’t forget to turn in at least maths and English, check for teacher comments, and share pictures or documents with us.** That way we can celebrate the learning at home with you and give you support as needed. If the teacher has no indication that work is being completed, the school will contact you to offer support and advice.

## This Week’s Remote Learning Engagement

% of children completing & turning in BOTH ENGLISH & MATHS each day:

<b>RECEPTION</b>	-	<b>79%</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	-	<b>76%</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	-	<b>72%</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>	-	<b>85%</b>
<b>YEAR 4</b>	-	<b>87%</b>
<b>YEAR 5</b>	-	<b>81%</b>

We are being asked by the DfE to closely monitor daily engagement in the remote provision by our families.

This week we have again been looking carefully at the numbers of children who are completing and turning in maths and English tasks every day.

*Thank you for your excellent support and keep up the good work!!*

# Senior Leadership Team & Needing Help With Technology? Governor Drop In

Online Drop in Session for Parents

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February from  
6pm to 6.30pm

The Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors will be online next week to offer a listening ear to parents, hear your views and answer any questions you may have about our remote learning offer....or anything else you'd like to talk about!

**Look out for the link on email next week and drop in for a chat with Mrs Wightman, Mrs Ashe and the senior leadership team**

**Are you struggling doing remote learning on your phone? Are you sharing 1 device between a number of children?**

**WE CAN HELP!**

We have a small stock of laptops in school which are available to our families on loan whilst the children are learning remotely. We've been really pleased to have already helped a number of families in this way over the last few weeks. *Please contact the office if you feel you would benefit from this support. A member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible to chat through the digital support you need.*

Help with technical issues is also available from our IT support consultant, Mark Denny. You can contact Mark directly by clicking on the link at the bottom of the school website homepage.



## Remote Learning Clinic No.4 - Miss Fairweather

**Miss Fairweather wears lots of hats at Barrow; she's one of our Reception teachers, a member of the Pastoral Team and also one of our Deputy Headteacher, working both at home and in school at the moment. She's also another of our busy mum's on the staff supporting Eliza and Arthur with their remote learning too.**

- We like a routine in our house and generally everyone is calmer, less anxious and more effective when we stick to the routine. I always make sure the children are dressed, had breakfast and teeth cleaned before they start their learning. It seems to put them in a better frame of mind for learning. Save pyjama days for the weekend!
- Know when you and your child have had enough! If your child is really struggling with a concept/skill and becoming upset, then have a break from it. Go outside, let your child have some free time or do another task and then return to it at another time. Children quickly pick up when an adult is becoming frustrated and it soon becomes a vicious circle!
- Keep distractions to a minimum in your child's work space. As adult, we are usually much better at managing our distractions and may even choose to listen to music at the same time as working, Children generally find this harder. Turn off the TV and radio while they are working, this will help with focus.
- If you can, have a work free space in your house. We have a relatively small house with a lot of laptops and leads around the place at the moment! I find it calming to have a space that is free from screens. We always try to pack away any work spaces at the end of the day, laptops, ipads (adults and children's) are out of view just to give us all a break and help us switch off from home schooling and work.
- Use the BBC Bitesize website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>) and programmes on BBC2 to support the learning from school. They are great! They cover a wide range of subjects for each age group, are engaging, fun and informative. If your child is particularly strong in a subject, eg maths, you could dip in to the next year group up for some extra challenge.
- If children are missing their friends, arrange social a Face time/Zoom with friends from their class. If they struggle to make conversation, just let them play alongside each other. The conversation seems to flow better if they are actually doing something. My two children love to play Lego remotely alongside their younger cousin. They have their Lego out, she has hers out and they just have Face Time set up at the same time.

# Changing Reading Books

We would like to invite you to come and change your child's reading books in school each week.

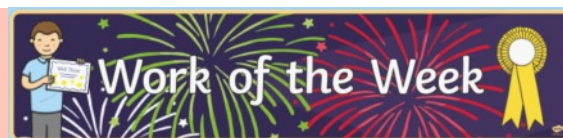
**When?** Every **Tuesday** and **Friday** between 9.30am-2.30pm

**Where?** Main entrance, please go to the office where a member of staff will change your child's book.

**Who?** Please send only 1 adult per family. (Please do NOT bring your children if at all possible)  
Social distancing rules will apply.

**Please remember to return any existing reading books that you have at home.**

**Exercise books will also be available for collection any day between 9.30am and 2.30pm**



## RECEPTION

Harriet  
Liv

## YEAR 3

Harrison  
Millie

## YEAR 1

Albie  
George A

## YEAR 4

Joshua  
Lailah

## YEAR 2

Isaac  
Matilda

## YEAR 5

Callum  
Eliza

Well done to everyone for 'turning in' such great work on Google Classroom this week! Watch today's Celebration Assembly to find out about why the staff have chosen our award winners mentioned here.

If you've got an award, look out for your Celebration Assembly certificate and a special 'Mrs Ashe's Work of the Week' pencil in the post at home next week!

# Engagement Rewards

## TURN UP      TURN IN

We were delighted to launch our weekly engagement reward initiative last week. This is how it works:

- The names of children who have completed and turned in AT LEAST maths and English or the priority learning tasks every day (including Fridays) will be entered into our prize draw each week.
- The name of the winner from each class will be randomly drawn in Celebration Assembly on Fridays.
- The winners will each receive a £5 book token by email as a reward.

*Thank you to Revel Outdoors for sponsoring the prizes to enable us to reward and motivate the children at this*



## Celebration Assembly LIVE!

**Next week Celebration  
Assembly will take place on  
Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at  
**2.30pm****

Use the usual Zoom link to join the fun.

This is because next Friday is going to be a SCREEN FREE DAY. Look out for more details in the Google Classroom next week.

## How to Contact Us

During term time throughout the period of the closure, we will continue to communicate with you through the usual channels of ParentMail, Twitter and our website, alongside our Google Classroom platform. If you need to contact the school, please do so via the office email address [admin@barrow.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barrow.suffolk.sch.uk) from Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Emails will be checked regularly throughout the working day and the relevant member of staff will respond to you as quickly as possible.

**WHY NOT JOIN THE BARROW BENEFICE FOR  
A GREAT EVENING ON:**



**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm via Zoom.**

**AUCTION OF PROMISES**

**Over 50 lots being auctioned – all funds will go to the benefice.**

**BRING YOUR OWN WINE AND NIBBLES!**

**Here is what is on offer:**

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- 2 hours gardening
  - Picnic for 4
  - Bridge lessons
  - Homemade cakes – one for every month (max 6)
  - Visit to Bulbeck Foundry to include a go at sand casting, followed by a picnic in the castle grounds
  - A Chinese silk rug
  - Family Tree research
  - Use of tennis court
  - Tray of chocolate brownies
  - Small trailer load of logs (to collect)
  - A shooting lesson or quad biking for 2
  - Kefir making
  - Coffee and cake at The Old Cowshed, Barrow
  - A short study session on one of the books of Bible to inc. coffee and cake
  - Pair of hi-fi speakers and stands
  - A game of Scrabble
  - A walking tour of Royal Cambridge
  - A visit to Fuller's Mill with tea and cake
  - The flowers of the Fitzwilliam museum, Cambridge
  - Chess lesson
  - A beautiful engraving of Lt Saxham church
  - Model railway ride
  - Easter cake
  - Hand knitted beanie hat to order
  - Afternoon tea for 4
  - Bead making with lunch for 4
  - Learn to use Facebook
  - A lemon polenta cake
  - A game of croquet
  - Homemade marmalade and mincemeat
  - Drinks and nibbles for 4, delivered.
  - Drinks for eight people
  - Sour dough bread making class.
  - Felt making (adult or child)
  - Dog walking
  - Photographic portrait of your pet
  - A professional car valet by Prestige Cars,
  - A lift to/from Stansted Airport
  - Horse riding
  - Old print of Suffolk
  - 8" fruit cake made to order
  - Brassware cleaned on a lathe polisher (4x)
  - Home made cookies
  - Sponsorship of Risby church floodlighting with acknowledgment in the Stile

**PLEASE REGISTER NOW!**

Contact Revd Lynda on 01284 811280 or email: [revlyndasebbage@gmail.com](mailto:revlyndasebbage@gmail.com)

**A Zoom link will be sent along with other information as soon as available.**

*Please note that the 'deal' is between the 'promiser' and the 'winner of the bid'. We understand ~~the persons submitting the promise are reputable. The PCCs of the churches in the benefice have~~ not carried out any checks on those concerned – this is down to the individuals should they so wish. The PCCs do not accept any liability. Some items will not be available until Covid regulations are eased and therefore the max validity of many of the promises will be up to 24 months. Items to be withdrawn and refunds permitted under exceptional circumstances.*