

Friday, 1st December 2023

The Weekly Bulletin

Inspire, Create, Discover, Together



Community Connection

Our 'Barrow Big Ideas' in school this term are Connection and Service. As part of our personal development curriculum, the children have been out in the village this week making connections at the Good Neighbour Coffee Group; serving the regulars and entertaining them with some of the songs from our KS1 nativity production. We were so proud of our Senior Pupil Team and the Year 2 children who all received high praise as superb ambassadors for our school.



PIC-COLLAGE

Late Collection

Except in emergency situations, where children are not collected from the school within fifteen minutes after the school day or after school activity ending, then a charge may be made to the child's parent or carer. Please be advised that traffic does not count as an emergency situation.

The school accepts that a variety of emergencies can arise due to unforeseen circumstances and will ensure that the charge is not imposed where there is a genuine unforeseen emergency. Notification must be given to the school as soon as the situation arises or when collecting the child.

Whole School Notices

- **Naming of Winter Clothing** - please ensure that hats, gloves and scarves coming into school are all named. Thank you.
- **Barrow Bear Cubs** - our weekly toddler group has now finished until after Christmas. We will be pleased to welcome our pre-school children again on Thursday, 11th January 2024.
- **Girls Football Festival** - There is a 'Girls Festival of Football' on Saturday, 20th January 2024. The festival will be staged at Hardwick Primary School, kicking off at 10:00 finishing at 12:00. To register please use the link below:
<https://forms.gle/99utTdXtmYMmg84h7>
The closing date for entry is the 13th January.
- **Menu Change for Tuesday** - please note there will be pork or vegan sausages for lunch instead of burgers.

Dates for Your Diary

December

8th - * FoBs Christmas Fayre & Non uniform day - bottle donation *

W/c 11th - Performance Week

14th - Panto Performance by visiting theatre company
For whole school in the afternoon

15th - FoBs Santa Run

19th - End of Term Service at 9.30am

19th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day

20th - End of Term

Poppy Fundraising

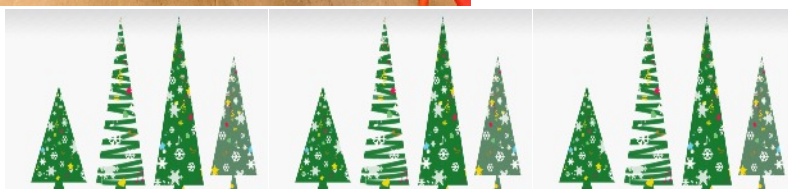


We have received a 'thank you' this week from the Royal British Legion for the School's contribution to the community fundraising for the Poppy Appeal this year. We were delighted to raise £84.32 as a result of the Senior Pupils selling poppies in school. This contributed to a village total of almost £3,000.

Christmas Tree Donation



We were thrilled to receive an invitation from **RHN Plant Centre on Colethorpe Lane** to go across and choose a Christmas tree for the school. Mrs Woodland and Mrs Smith did a great job of choosing a wonderful spruce which was very kindly donated to us free of charge by the nursery. It's now in place in the hall ready for the FoBs team to decorate over the weekend. We hope you will enjoy seeing it when you come in for our Christmas performances and events over the next couple of weeks.



Christmas Trees!

Choose from a large selection of locally grown,
freshly cut trees

Traditional Norway spruce, Nordmann fir and pot grown varieties

ORDER YOUR
CHRISTMAS
VEG BOX

PERSONALISED
GIFT VOUCHERS

RANGE OF BIRD
CARE PRODUCTS &
GARDENING TOOLS

ALL MAJOR CARDS
ACCEPTED

FRESH WREATHS

PLANTED BASKETS

HYACINTHS

TREE STANDS

FOLIAGE

*WREATH MAKING
MATERIALS*

TABLE DECORATIONS

FOLIAGE

SEASONAL PLANTS

OPEN 7 DAYS

Rougham Hall Nurseries

A14, Rougham IP30 9LZ

01359

270577

RHN Plant Centre

Colethorpe Lane, Barrow IP29 5BE

Christmas Prayer at Home

PRAYER ACTIVITY



Light in the Night (Guidance)

• Equipment

Make a giant star shape outline on a blackboard with a yellow (or white) outline. (It needs to be big enough that your family & friends can fill in with their prayer)

Yellow/white Chalk pens (match the same colour to the star outline)

NB You could do this on a large sheet too, the black backing will just make the star really POP like a guiding star or a light in the night!

• Set up

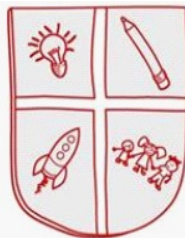
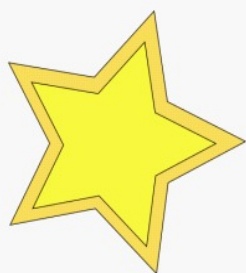
Have the instructions ready to read along with the above supplies.

• Instructions

During the Christmas story we hear a lot about the bright star that showed everyone the way to go, guiding their path towards Jesus.

Christians believe that Jesus continues to guide and help us to this day, we just need to ask him.

Simply write what you need help with or want guidance for within the star shape (no names needed) and if you want to you can ask God to help you.



PRAYER ACTIVITY



The Greatest Gift

• Equipment

Mini 'Pillow' gift boxes (search the internet for 'mini pillow gift box')
Strips of paper (that can be folded into the boxes)

Pens
Decorating Items (stickers, colouring, bows etc)
Christmas Tree or Cross for placing gifts underneath.

• Set Up

Have the instructions ready to read along with the above supplies.

• Instructions

Jesus is sometimes described as God's greatest gift to us. In return, our greatest gift to God can simply be to say thank you!

What would you like to say thank you for? If you like you could say thank you to God by using the pieces of paper and mini gift boxes.

- Decorate your mini gift box 'present'
- Write or draw what you are thankful for on the paper
- Place your gift of thankfulness into the gift box
- Place your gift box under the Christmas tree (or Cross) with all the other gifts



At Barrow CEVC Primary School our Christian vision comes from John 10:10 where **Jesus says 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'**.

Part of this 'full life' is spiritual development. We would like to offer these simple prayer activities to try at home together over the month of December - helping us as a community remember the 'reason behind the season'.

PRAYER ACTIVITY



Joy to the World

• Equipment

Hand bell or jingle bells.

• Set up

Gather your friends and family around the table or communal area. Have the bell in the middle of you all.

Explain what the bell is for and invite everyone to take their time and reflect on the year.

• Instructions

Reflect on (think back on) this last year full of highs and lows.

When you think about something that HAS brought you joy.

Grab the bell and ring (or jingle) and share the joyful memory with those around you.

Place the bell back in the middle and carry on reflecting.

Families Suffolk Magazine

Please see below the link to the new Winter digital edition of **Families Suffolk Magazine**.

<https://bit.ly/FamiliesSuffolk> Nov Dec23 Digital

This new digital edition of Families Suffolk magazine is OUT NOW and packed with great articles and activities for families to enjoy. It also includes a brilliant **What's On Guide** for local festive family days out.

There are also some amazing giveaways - in fact, there are more than 140 Christmas gifts for kids up for grabs in our **Great Christmas Toy Giveaway**, including two Fireman Sam Ultimate Heroes, four Miraculous Magic Heroez Doll bundles, ten cute and cuddly Biggies, two 3 wheeled K3YRIDERS Perrycornio Plus Head Scooters and Helmets, and lots more!

Don't miss:

- * The Twelve Museums of Christmas
- * Homemade gift ideas for teachers
- * Top family films for Christmas
- * Games to improve concentration
- * Articles to help you support your child's learning

And much more!

You can also pick up your FREE copy of our printed magazine at Waitrose in Ipswich, Sudbury & Bury St Edmunds, or any Suffolk Library of Children's Hub.



ST NICHOLAS PARTY

Come and Join in the fun as we get ready
for Christmas

Saturday 2nd December

3.30pm – 5pm

Barrow Village Hall

CRAFTS ★ STORY ★ REFRESHMENTS ★ SINGING

For all the family - everyone welcome

No charge - donations welcome

For Further information

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ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

WITH VISITING CHOIR

Sunday, 3rd December at 4pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
BARROW



A SPECIAL SERVICE BY
CANDLELIGHT



Readings, choral music and hymns

HEIGH-HO, THE HOLLY!

*Medieval and Tudor mirth and merriment
in words and music*

performed by

Hexachor^odia



All Saints' Church, Barrow

Saturday 16th December at 7.00pm

Tickets £12

to include mulled wine and mince pies

available from

Steve Pettitt (07711 814820) or Maggie Lake (01284 810014)

or online via our website: www.barrowbenefice.org.uk