



BARROW 1618

A Church of England Free School



Thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding as the school was forced to close on Monday and Tuesday as a result of the burst water pipe which affected much of the area. Despite pumped water resuming the supply in Much Wenlock on Monday, the supply to our school did not return until mid-afternoon on Tuesday. We never take the decision to close lightly and will utilise all means at our disposal to safely avoid it. In instances where unforeseen closure does occur, we utilise the school's website and Twitter feed (@Barrow1618) to update you, as well as contacting BBC Radio Shropshire. Again, thanks for your help in spreading the word and for bearing with us whilst Severn Trent carried out their repairs.

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Did you know that the school's website contains information about our curriculum, including the themes the children will be learning about during the whole academic year? There are also 'skill progression documents' which map out the steps we hope children will take in the core areas of learning. You can find the information here: <http://barrow1618school.co.uk/school-life/our-curriculum/school-curriculum-content>

We return from half October Half Term holiday on Tuesday 31st October and, as in previous years, we'd love to invite children to attend school in 'spooky' fancy dress. This is an opportunity for children to get creative, have fun and enjoy the imaginative play their costumes inspire. We stipulate that costumes are light-hearted; 'spooky *not* scary'!



Also on this day, the kitchen will be serving a special 'spooky' menu, which will be detailed in a flyer you'll receive closer to the time. Put the reminder in your diaries.

We're very proud of our school's uniform and how smart our pupils look when they arrive correctly dressed. In order to clarify; boys' socks should be plain grey or black and girls' socks or tights should be plain grey or white. Our policy does not stipulate specific sock colour for P.E. lessons, however, I would recommend a spare pair of socks are provided with P.E. kits in case socks get wet, muddy or excessively sweaty during physical activity. Long hair must be tied up and held back with a modest bobble or head band.



During the period of Harvest this year, our school will be accepting donations for Telford Food Banks. Details of items requested by the charity have been sent to you in a letter from Miss McDowell, who is organising the collection. Please support us to make a difference if you can. Thank you.



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Richard Frith to Barrow on Wednesday last week, to mark the commencement of the 400 year centenary celebrations for our school this academic year. He toured the school and spoke with children before participating in our morning worship, where he led a blessing and

prayer. He also helped us launch our anniversary pledge—'50 Things You'll Do Before You Leave Barrow 1618'. This is a list of 50 experiences we want our children to have during their precious time with us and which demonstrates our commitment to providing an educational experience that is both meaningful and memorable. Your child will be given their own copy of the '50 Things', this week.

A polite reminder that the car park gates do not open in the afternoon until 3:15pm and arriving sooner than this to queue at the gates may cause a tailback to the main road, which in turn causes hazard to other road users. Please aim to arrive at, or after 3:15pm. If you do arrive sooner, please fill available spaces in the main car park before queuing. Thank you.

If you are yet to make payments for extended schools clubs in the current half term, please do so at your earliest convenience. Bank transfer details can be found on your invoice. Thank you.

The school's High 5 Netball Team were in action for the first time this week. They have four fixtures (8 matches) to compete this half term and have shown real promise so far, particularly considering some members are competing for the very first time. Well done all of you!



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