



# BARROW 1618

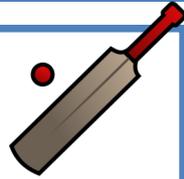
A Church of England Free School

**Happy New Year** to all of you! We commence our Spring Term today

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and begin a new calendar year which promises to be a memorable one for all at Barrow 1618. 2018 marks the 400th centenary of a school in Barrow and the rich history and heritage of that past will be celebrated and explored through various activities this year.

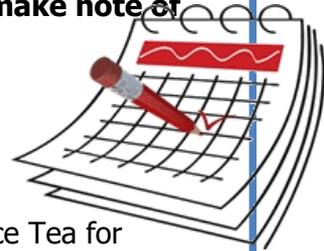
**Extended Schools Clubs** commence today with Cricket Club and Construction Club. Invoices for all clubs will be with children today—we appreciate your prompt payment and prefer online payments where possible. All the details you'll need are on the invoice.



**We ended the Autumn Term** with spectacular performances by our children, a scrumptious Christmas Dinner and a jolly visit to the pantomime. Thanks to all involved in the planning and undertaking of our festivities—and for all who supported F.O.B. events that paid for the panto tickets!

**Please note**, there will be no Celebration Assembly tomorrow (5th January), allowing Yew Tree Class ample time to prepare when they kick us off next Friday, 12th January. From then, the usual rotation will continue until half term.

**For your information, please make note of the following key dates in the coming half term. As usual, class-specific activities and events will be communicated to you separately:**



**Friday 12th January:** Attendance Tea for those involved.

**Wed 17th January—evening:** Primary Dance Festival at William Brookes School for those participating (a letter is with your child if involved).

**Wed 24th January, 5:00pm:** Parent Meeting for Ash/Oak Residential Visit to Condover Hall

**W/C 5th February:** Whole-school observes 'Safer Internet Day'

**Wed 14th—Friday 16th February:** Ash & Oak Tree Class Residential Visit to Condover Hall.

**W/C 19th February:** Half Term Week (School Closed).

**At this time of year**, we begin thinking about which charity will receive our Lent Project donation. In recent years we have donated well in excess of £10,000 to charitable causes as a result of our Lent Project Fundraising, which has made a significant difference. If you know of a worthy cause that you'd like us to consider please let Mr Newton know.

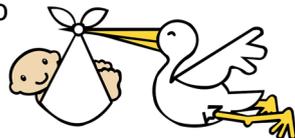
**Just a reminder** that PE kits, Forest School Clothes and book bags should be in school each day between Monday and Friday to allow us flexibility in timetabling activities. You're welcome to take kit home for a weekend or overnight wash when you feel it necessary. Thanks!



**There was much to celebrate** at the conclusion of the term—half of our school population achieved 100% attendance

across the term (no mean feat, considering the horrid bugs that were circulating!), our Hockey Team achieved a stonking result of second place in the WBS tournament and will go on to represent the school in the Shropshire Games and children participating in LAMDA tuition all achieved merits or distinctions in their recent exams. Congratulations to all involved for brilliant results.

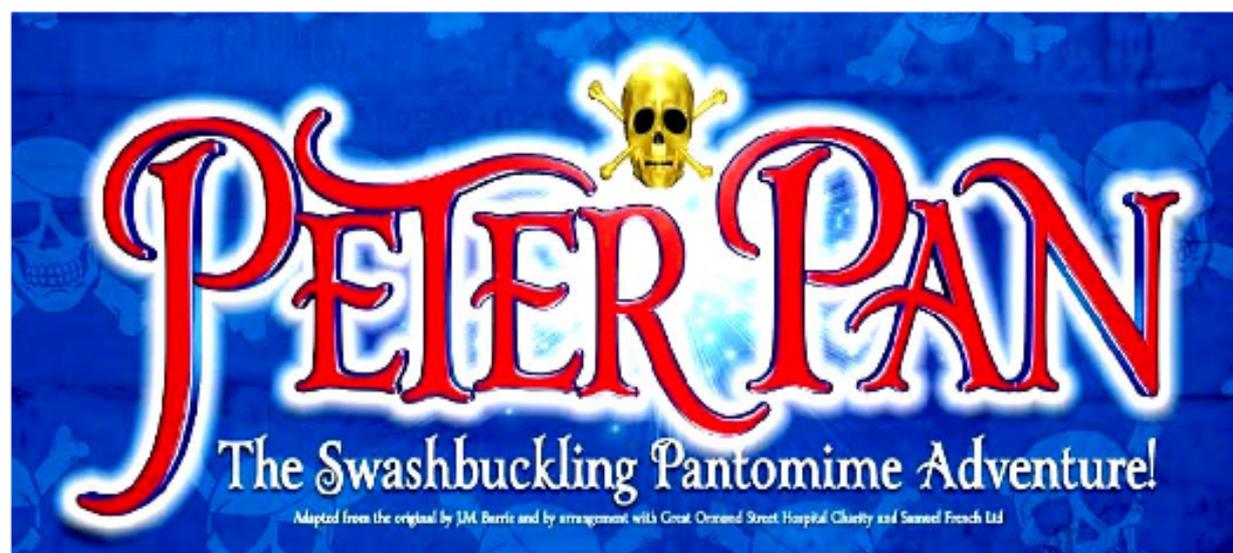
**Whilst it is anticipated to be a few weeks yet**, I'd like to extend our best wishes and good luck to Mrs Hayes and her husband for the safe and healthy arrival of their firstborn at the beginning of February. Mrs Meechan, who will be providing maternity cover in Oak Tree Class, has already spent time in class and with staff and pupils and is looking forward to her time with us immensely. I hope you'll all join me in extending a warm Barrow welcome to her when the time comes.



**Well done** and thanks must go to Miss Ellis, who completed her teacher training placement in Elm at the end of last term and to Miss France whose placement will conclude at the end of January in Oak. Great things ahead for both, I'm sure!



*The Buildwas Players present their 2018 panto....*



*The story about the boy who never grew up,  
and his evil nemesis, Captain Hook!*

*Lots of laughs and great songs –  
fun for all the family!!*

## **Buildwas Village Hall**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**February 2018 at 7.30pm**

*(including a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm - ideal for younger children)*

**Tickets: £6.00 adults, £4.00 children**

**Tel: 01952 432497 / 07870 883238**

*or order online via [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) (search for 'Buildwas')  
(additional charge for ordering online)*

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