



# Barford



Monday 3rd December

Primary School

Autumn (6) 2018

## Headteacher's Message

We officially kick-started Christmas today with our annual Decoration Day event. This always feels like the official start to the festive season at school and very soon the corridors and classrooms will be decked out with marvellous hand-made decorations. We also have a busy time ahead of us over the next fortnight, leading up to the Christmas performances. Please keep a look out for letters, emails or texts which will provide further information of the upcoming events and news.

## Christmas Performances 2018

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

2PM AND 5.30PM

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

5.30 PM

**A letter will be sent home tomorrow with information about how to apply for tickets. Please check children's bags and also emails and texts so that you are fully informed.**

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**This years attendance target is 97%**

**Current attendance figure is 95.3%**

## **A taste of what we offer.**

Thank you to all of you that came along to taste the food that we offer for our school dinners, provided by Norse Catering. It was a valuable opportunity for us to take feedback on the current menu and also think about ways of developing our offer further. A representative from Norse was also on hand to answer any questions and was able to speak to the School Council earlier in the day.

## **Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) Coordinator school visit.**

Next Monday (10th Dec) from 9am, Sam Bartram—our area's EHCP Coordinator, will be at school to answer any queries you may have. Please let Mrs Brown know if you would like to speak with him during the day.

## **A quality Quiz 'n' Chips event.**

Thank you so much to the FOBS for organising the annual quiz night. This year the attendance was fantastic with 10 teams vying for the coveted winners trophy. Congratulations go to Team Inspired who came out on top. It was a well-supported event and it was great to see a lot of new faces taking part, along with those who have been supporting the school for a number of years. The next planned event is the New Year Disco on Friday 4th January.

## **Library book amnesty.**

**Please could you return any library books as soon as possible. We are beginning a major update of our system and need all books to be in school for this. Thank you.**

# Superstar Swimmers

On Friday 30th November, we took a group of children from Year 4– 6 to Wymondham Leisure Centre to take part in the Wymondham Cluster Swimming Gala. This year, the event was on a different scale with 9 different schools attending, meaning that around 200 children were taking part in the races. Our swimmers did really well, the best finish being a fourth place for Hattie in the Year 5 girls backstroke. The competition was tough, but what stood out was the resilience of our team and the determination to finish. Well done to all who took part—you did us proud once again.



**Letters sent out recently include:**  
**Play costumes**

**Please could you ensure that toys are not brought into school unless there is a specific request to do so—it can cause upset if they are lost or broken. Thank you for your support with this.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any matters further.**

**Kind regards**

**Matt Dunscombe**

**Headteacher**

## Key Dates for your information

Friday 7th December		Full Dress Rehearsal—costumes needed
Monday 10th December	9am onwards	Sam Bartram—EHCP Coordinator in school
Wednesday 12th December	2pm	Christmas Performance (1)
Wednesday 12th December	5.30pm	Christmas Performance (2)
Thursday 13th December	5.30pm	Christmas Performance (3)
Monday 17th December		School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18th December		Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 3rd January		First day of Spring term (for pupils)
Friday 4th January	6-8pm	New Year School Disco

**BOOKS**  
FOR SCHOOLS



**Please collect tokens from your  
local newspaper.**

Every school that collects 1000 tokens will receive £100 worth of books and there is a prize of £2,500 worth of books for the top four collecting schools (as an average of tokens collected to pupil numbers).