



# Barley Mow Primary School



## Putting Children First

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### WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone had a great Christmas, a peaceful New Year and everyone is raring to go!



New for the next 2 terms will be the opportunity to come into school to see a class assembly. Parents will be invited to attend an assembly delivered by the whole class. Year 4 class are going to go first and the assembly is organised for 11th February. The Year 4 children will send invitations to their parents closer to the time so please keep this date free.

We have a few other dates for your diary:  
We will be celebrating World Book day the week beginning 2.3.15  
Parents' Evenings will be held the week beginning 9.3.15.

Following on from the poor weather we had at the end of last week I thought it may be useful to remind you of the procedure followed if in the event of heavy snow or bad weather we had to close the school. Closure of a school is a decision which is not lightly taken and always based upon making sure pupils and staff are safe.

In the event of bad weather there are 3 ways in which you will know whether the school is open or not:

1. Via text message to parents (so we must have an up to date contact number)
2. Via local radio
3. Via the school website

If the school is closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible so parents have time to make childcare arrangements and to reduce inconvenience. Fingers crossed for good weather!

And finally the children are out at lunchtime for a considerable time so please make sure your child brings their coat to school.

Nicola Watson

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas fair seems a long time ago now but we wanted to thank all those parents who helped on the day and also thank parents for supporting the Christmas fair which was a great success.

A fabulous £729.40p was raised for school funds. Some of this money will be used to subsidise educational visits and some will be used to purchase equipment for the children to play with at lunchtime.

Thank you for making the fair such a huge success.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to:

Logan Carr, Amy Doolan, Oskar Malec, Ethan McCann, Rebecca Mitchell, Morgan Peacock, Jasmine Harland, Katie Lough and Megan Anderson

for being chosen to be our Spring term Prefects. These children have been chosen because of their fabulous attitude to learning and for their good manners during the Autumn term. Well done!

A huge thank you must go to last term's Prefects for all their hard work and support! Thank you!



### SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have been delighted by how smart the children have looked in their uniform this week.



Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that full School uniform must be worn at all times.

School Uniform is:

Grey/ black -skirt, trousers, tunic

White—blouse, shirt

Royal blue- cardigan, jumper, sweatshirt

Your co-operation with this matter is much appreciated.

### ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

As you will know the smoking of cigarettes is not permitted on the school grounds and just before Christmas a few parents were asking if electronic cigarettes were allowed to be used on school premises.

Gateshead Council have contacted all schools over the holidays to explain that electronic cigarettes are **NOT** to be used on school premises.

If any parent would like to see the advice given by Gateshead Council , it can be viewed in the main office.

Thank you.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your telephone contact details or address over the Christmas holidays or have any of the contacts for your child(ren) changed?



If so, can you please inform the office as soon as possible as we need to be able to maintain contact with you during the school days in case of emergency.

Your co-operation with this matter is much appreciated.

### ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY

The nursery children were on Tuesday! Both morning and afternoon nursery enjoyed listening to Maria Bradley, from Gateshead library, read them a story.

The children sat and listened and listened and they would have sat all day listening to the wonderful stories Maria was telling them. Thanks go to Maria and Gateshead library for coming to share a book.

Gateshead Central Library are also running a "Library Holiday Club" between Tuesday 17th- Thursday 19th February between 9am- 4pm at a cost of £15 per day. The club is designed for 8-11 year olds. To book a space call 0191 4338420 by Tuesday 10th February.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to Teegan Nevin, Abi Railton, Cole Kennedy and Kiera Chambers for achieving their 25 achievement award

And to Morgan Peacock, Abbie Nesbitt, Amber Tate and Sam Mounsey for achieving their 50 stamp award.

And to Amy Whittingham, Emily Burns, Josh Greathead, Logan Burleigh, Lucy Watkin, Poppy Orton, Demi Sisson and Christopher Rice for achieving their 75 stamp award.

We are terribly proud of how many children have received their 25, 50 and 75 Achievement award. Well done!

