

Early Years Newsletter

January 2024



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Welcome!

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone and a big welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us! All the children are settling in well after the break and we are all excited to work with everyone in the term ahead.

Once again a big thank you for all the gifts and cards, these were greatly appreciated!

Breakfast club

As we move into the new term, the number of children in breakfast club is increasing. With this in mind, to ensure all children get enough time to eat their breakfast, have a play with their friends and the classrooms can be set up for the day, below are times for drop off and when breakfast will be served.

7:45	Breakfast club opens.
8:00-8:25	Breakfast will be served.
8:30	Breakfast will be available until this time.
8:35	Final drop off time (after this time children will need to be dropped off at classroom door).

If you have any questions regarding these times, please do get in touch.

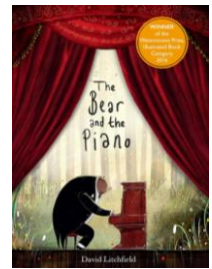
Borrowed clothes

If your child has borrowed any clothes or underwear from school or nursery, could I politely ask that these are returned as we are currently really short on spare clothes.

Likewise, if you have any unwanted uniform, underwear or socks and would like to donate these to school, these would be greatly received.

Miss Soanes' top pick...

The Bear and the Piano



This my favourite book because of all the beautiful illustrations in it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsgNuAaBloI>

PTA news

Next meeting: Thursday 18th
January 7pm @ Upper House

Upcoming events...
2nd Feb Pie and Pea night

Do you have a concern?

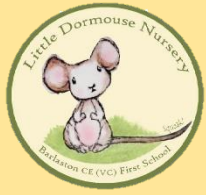
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Parental workshops *UPDATE*

Apologises for the confusion regarding the date mix up with the parent workshop. Please see below the confirmed dates.

In our termly parent workshops, we will outline what we are covering over the next term and provide an opportunity to answer any questions. The sessions for each class will run on the following and be in your child's class:

- Hedgehog class - Monday 15th January at 17:00. (Please wait at the green gate at the bottom of the path)
- Dormouse class - Tuesday 16th January at 17:00 (Please wait in nursery entrance hall.)

Early Years twitter (X) page

A reminder about our Early Years Twitter (X) page. This is a strictly closed and private group which only allows you to see the images we upload, managed by myself Miss Hulme, and the Early Years team.

We post updates about what we get up to in our time at school, and also use it for reminders and important updates.

If your child is new to our Nursery and you are happy for us to put pictures of your child on there for you to see, please email Miss Hulme (chulme@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk).

Toys/ items from home

We politely ask that children do not need bring toys, teddy bears etc into nursery/school. I appreciate this may help the children to settle when initially coming into school, however, it is difficult to look after these items and to ensure they don't get lost or mixed up with school resources.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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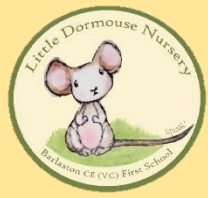
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Family worship

There will be no family worship this week (11th January).

From week beginning 15th January. Early years will be going into Family worship again.

For parents/ carers who are new to Early Years, this takes place every week, parents, carers and family members are invited to attend, during these time children share their home achievements, 'let your light shine' certificates are given out, as chosen by the class teacher, and birthdays for the week are celebrated. Parents are asked to arrive at main reception for 2:45pm.

For children in nursery this worship often runs until 3:15-3:30, I am aware this conflicts with pick up time, you will not be charged for nursery on these occasions. Unless you are using wrap around care.

We politely ask that if you would like to collect your child before the worship has finished you do so at 2:45 to avoid your child having to leave in the middle of family worship.

Early years performing arts club

We are excited to provide an extra-curricular performing arts club for our early years' children. This will be run by Michelle Moss School of Performing Arts and will be supported by myself and Miss Hulme.

This will run on Wednesday from the end of the day until 4:30, and will run on the following dates:

17th January

24th January

31st January

7th February

The cost for this club is £20 for the 4 sessions. Pick up for this club will be from the nursery building.

Places are limited. So if you would like your child to take part in this please book this via the eduspot app.

This purchase will be available from 18:00 tonight (10th January) and close on the Tuesday 16th January.

If you do not yet have access to the eduspot app and would like your child to attend please email myself on apeel@barlston.staffs.sch.uk

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

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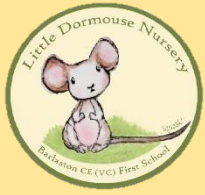
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Diary dates

Early years dates - These can be found on the school website. Early years > Information packs/dates.

Whole school dates - These are emailed out by Mr Gordon on the weekly newsletter.

As ever if you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff or you can email me on a Peel@barlaston.staffs.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Mr Peel, Miss Hulme, and the Early Years Team

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