



St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 9 – Friday 10th November 2023



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OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM IS SERVICE

Diary Dates

Sun 12 th Nov	Remembrance service - St Lawrence's Church 10.30am
Tues 14 th Nov	Library bus
Fri 17 th Nov	Non-uniform day - Children in Need
Mon 20 th Nov	Last day for our Advent Calendar collection
Fri 24 th Nov	Non-uniform day - Chocolate stall donations
Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas Fair - Barton village hall
Wed 29 th Nov	Babybeat Christmas shopping event - Barton Village Hall from 6pm
Thurs 30 th Nov	Year 1 trip to Judges Lodgings Bag2school clothing collection - 9AM
Tues 5 th Dec	Library bus
Thurs 7 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day - Donations to Save the Children
Sun 10 th Dec	Community Christmas Mix from 7pm - Barton Village Hall - see below
Mon 11 th Dec	Infant Nativity 6pm
Tues 12 th Dec	Infant Nativity 2pm & 6pm
Wed 13 th Dec	EYFS vision screening Christmas dinner day Community carol concert
Mon 18 th Dec	Whole school trip to the panto
Wed 19 th Dec	School Closes - 1.30pm
Thurs 4 th Jan	School Reopens

If you are concerned about any aspect of school life, we want to know about it as soon as possible. Don't delay, call today! Tel 01772 862664



VALUES AWARD WINNERS. This half term's Values Awards go to:

Articulation - Maryam Debar, Confidence - Emily Towers, Forgiveness - Woody Ferguson, Generosity - Aisha Salyani, Happiness - Alyaanah Mal, Individuality - Layth Chap, Integrity - Matilda Forsyth, Joy - Layla Connell, Justice - Yusuf Mal, Kindness - Nicole Comsa, Resilience - Izzy Hodson and Service - Henry Dunkley



DIWALI - Warm wishes to our families celebrating Diwali in the coming days. May your Diwali be filled with blessings, good health and prosperity.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- ALL WELCOME - **Sunday 12th November** marks Remembrance Sunday and we would like to invite everyone to come and join us in St Lawrence Church for the service at 10.30am. As usual, the Kings Royal Hussars will attend and a bugler will sound the last post following a two-minute silence at 11:00. This is always a very moving service and it is a privilege to open our church to the military who are always so grateful of the children's support.

We welcome the whole school community into church and would like the school to be well represented. Please do come along if you are able. Year 6 are to have an important role in the very special church service at St Lawrence's. To honour this, and as part of our learning in our WW2 topic, **Year 6 will be presenting to the congregation, which will include members of the military and our local community. We would love to see as many of our Year 6 children there as possible. Year**



6 should be in church by 10:15 please. The military will be in uniform and we request that children attending the service are also in full school uniform please.



CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER - Each Child in School & Nursery has painted a Christmas picture and this has been transformed into a Christmas card with the help of an external company. Parents can purchase Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs and coasters with their child's picture on. There is a tight deadline for orders to be placed but this does mean that you will be prepared early. Please check your child's name carefully and make any amendments on the form. Money can be paid in the form of cash, cheque or parentpay payment. School will receive commission for every order placed. **PLEASE ORDER BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY.**



ADVENT CALENDER COLLECTION - We will once again be collecting advent calendars for The Salvation Army food bank. We know they are very grateful for the advent calendars as it is not something that others usually donate and they don't have any at all yet. £1-£2 for an advent calendar may not make much impact to some people but to families using food banks it is a luxury that Children often miss out on. If you do feel that you can help then we would really appreciate you buying an advent calendar when you are out shopping and bringing it to the collection point in the front office by **Monday 20th November**. We will make sure they are delivered and distributed in plenty of time for 1st December.

LIBRARY BUS VISIT - The library bus will return on Tuesday 3rd October. Please can children return any books and have their library cards with them if they would like to visit the bus on this day.



CHILDREN IN NEED - We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 17th November** in aid of Children in Need. Children can come to school wearing something yellow or spotty for the occasion but this is **not compulsory**! Parents can make donations directly to Children In Need via the item on Parentpay.

NON UNIFORM DAY - Friday 24th November Children can wear non-uniform in exchange for chocolate goodies to generate prizes for our stall at the Christmas Fair; this can be boxes, packs or bars of chocolate, chocolate biscuits, drinking chocolate, chocolate spread, chocolate liqueur, chocolate flavoured cosmetics etc. The possibilities are endless!



CHRISTMAS FAIR - BARTON VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER FROM 11AM - Food will be served in the cafe area and we will have the usual array of stalls and activities including Tombola, Raffle, Handmade cakes & chutneys etc. As usual the school will be running a chocolate tombola stall and we have a very exciting visitor flying in to see the children so please don't miss it!! We will therefore hold a **non-uniform day on Friday 24th November** (see above). The Rose King and his Retinue are needed for this event please. There are still stalls available to hire please contact: Helen Lees 01772864946



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING - Barton Village Hall **Wednesday 29th November** from 6pm to 9pm. A varied range of stalls including jewellery, homewares, handicrafts, beauty products - all suitable for Christmas presents. There will also be a fantastic raffle and refreshments to purchase. Admission is FREE. For more information or raffle tickets please contact Helen Lees - 01772 864946 or Rachel Lees - 07813200997 ****PROCEEDS GO TO THE BABY BEAT APPEAL****

BAG2SCHOOL CLOTHING COLLECTION - If you have any unwanted items of clothing please bring them to school for **Wednesday 30th November by 9AM** to be collected by Bag2School. For details of what they will accept please visit <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> or the attached leaflet. Please use any bin bags from home.

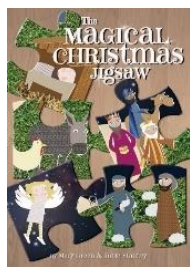
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - On **Thursday 7th December** thousands of people up and down the UK will start their day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause - to help create a brighter future for children. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1 to this great cause. If you want further information log on to <https://christmasjumperday.org/>



With this in mind, we will once again be holding a second hand Christmas Jumper sale in the run up to this day. If you have an old children (or adults) Christmas jumper and would like to donate it to our sale please hand this in at the school office. We will give more details on the sale nearer the time.



CHRISTMAS MIX - Tickets are now available for the Community Christmas Mix held by Barton Village Hall on Sunday 10th December from 7pm. Buffet served at 7.30pm, all proceeds to St Lawrence church. Tickets cost £18 each and are available to buy from Helen Lees on 01772 864946. Raffle to be drawn on the night.



NATIVITY PERFORMANCES - This year the Nativity performances will be -

- **Monday 11th December at 6pm**
- **Tuesday 12th December at 2pm and 6pm**

Tickets are available priced at £2 each and will be restricted to two tickets per family per performance. Tickets are not needed for siblings. As we are making a charge for tickets, we will not have our usual retiring collection. If any family requires additional tickets, please contact Mrs Higham by email at bursar@st-lawrence.lanc.sch.uk who will allocate any unsold tickets on a first come, first served basis. Ticket sales will close on Wednesday 6th December.



PANTO - The PTFA have again very kindly paid for the whole school to go to watch the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at The Lowther Pavilion in Lytham including admission, snack and juice box for the interval. The visit will take place on **Monday 18th December** and coaches will leave school for the performance **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL FOR 8.30AM on this day** - we will need to leave promptly at 8.45AM and will return at around 12.30pm, where the children will have a slightly later packed lunch - choice of sandwiches are

available to book on ParentPay now. As this trip has been funded by the PTFA we are asking parents to pay just £6 per child to cover the cost of transport - details are on ParentPay.

100 club winners - Congratulations to our November winners

1st Prize - £25 - Mrs J Barton

2nd Prize - £15 - Mrs P Hughes

3rd Prize - £10 - Mr Y Akhtar

4th prize - £5 - P Harris

PTFA Easy Fundraising ... Let's raise this Christmas!

We'd appreciate your help to use **easyfundraising** to raise money simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com), eBay, Boden, and M&S. There's no catch and it's effectively free to benefit the children of our school.

Every time you shop online we receive a donation to the school, registered as **Barton St Lawrence Primary PTFA**. It's for shopping for all sorts of things including your food shop, fashion & beauty products, Insurance, Travel & hotels, trips etc.

It's not long now to Christmas so please register and grab your Black Friday bargains. Please give it a go and encourage others to do so too:



1. Go to our page <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bartnstlawptfa/> or use the QR code below
2. 'Support this cause' to create an account
3. Use easyfundraising to shop and raise donations

School Sport Report - October

We have had a very busy October. It started with a team of six Year 4's and six Year 3's heading off to West View Leisure Centre to take part in a **mini-skills** competition. The Year 4 team of Matilda, Eva, Fred, George, Magnus and Sienna did really well with the throwing and catching events in particular. The Year 3 team of Sofia, Alba, Oscar, Erin, Oliver & Coby did superbly well too and managed to finish with bronze medals after coming 3rd in the competition. The **hockey** team completed their league fixtures, winning their final three matches, meaning they have won their division. A huge congratulations to Nancy, Alfie, Jessica, Zachariah, Theo, Nathaniel, Ayaanah, Gabriel and Tilly for bringing home our second trophy of the year. The hockey team then went along to the Preston schools' hockey tournament, this time with Zahra in the team. They managed to get all the way to the semi-finals which was a huge achievement. Well done to you all.



On Wednesday 18th October, both the **boys' and girls' football teams** took part in the first round of their respective knockout tournaments. The boys were up against a very strong St. Andrew's team and the girls up against stiff opposition in Queen's Drive. Unfortunately, both teams were defeated but put in a great effort. The boys team was made up of Theo, Alfie, Zach, Elliot, Thomas, Jonas and Noah and the girls, captained by Katie was comprised of Catherine, Nancy, Evie, Ayaanah, Robyn, Mollie, Hannah, Ellie and Izzy.

The following day, the **boys' football team** then completed their league matches against two teams, winning both games and scoring lots of goals. The same team, with the addition of Gabriel, who returned after illness, played superbly well. Well done to all the boys.

In other news, huge congratulations to **Elliot Newby** who after three trials was selected as part of the Preston Schools District team. Well done Elliot.