



#Barvember

I cannot believe it is the final week of Barvember! The children, staff and families have really embraced their 'admirable attitudes' and have not been afraid to dive into the learning pit. From the tokens earned by pupils and staff completing the challenges, the top three winning classes for Barvember are:

1st place – **3H**

2nd place – **3D**

3rd place – **5H**



We have enjoyed a fantastic Barvember celebration assembly today with children and staff taking part in a Barvember quiz! The Year 3 team, consisting of Miss Thake and Sophie D, were the winners, each winning a super-sized bar treat. See our Twitter page for pictures.

On Wednesday, two pupils showed off their Barvember skills to Mr Brislen and Mr Hunt, our CEO/ Deputy CEO of the Trust and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Hawley. The children discussed what they had enjoyed about Barvember and how much the bar modelling strategy helps them to problem solve.



Well done everyone, it may be the end of Barvember, but it is not the end of bar modelling!

Well done to **5H** for their brilliant assembly all about the 'Smashing Saxons'. They taught the audience all about the history of the Saxons through singing songs and acting.

Emily said, "I enjoyed singing and doing the actions to our Anglo Saxon song."

Leila said, "I enjoyed the acting on the stage and saying my words."

Well done 5H!

5S spent the morning at Longton library today. It was a great chance for the children to see the wide range of books on offer.

Jenson said, "my favourite thing was the chance to go and choose my own book."

Sam enjoyed, "using the app to make the story pictures move and come to life!"



The football season has started in style with the Year 5 and 6 boys team winning both of their matches on Wednesday against Crescent Academy. Yesterday, the team played against Christchurch and again were victorious with 1-0 and 6-0 wins.

Well done boys!



Believe it or not it is the start of December next week! Following on from the success of our book advent calendar last year, we will be celebrating in the same way again this year.

All books chosen for our calendars are on Accelerated Reader and will be added afterwards to class libraries.

Look out for our advent calendar countdown pictures on Twitter next week.



Our wonderful Mrs Teece is retiring today after 29 years with us at Park Hall.

Mrs Teece will be greatly missed by the whole school, staff, children and parents. Thank you for the messages that people have posted on Twitter to Mrs Teece.

I am sure that Mrs Teece will be so busy in her retirement that she will wonder how she ever had time to come to work.

Thank you Mrs Teece, we will miss you!



On our website you will be able to find on the Learning tab, within the Learning Zone, the maths resources that were used during the Clever Calculating day, including the PowerPoints.

Also, in this area are the 'Must Reads' for each year group. If you are planning to buy your child a book as a gift, you may wish to consider buying one of these recommended titles.



Thank you for your responses in regard to the Christmas holiday provision for Footprints. Due to the minimal numbers requiring the provision we are unable to open over the holiday period. We will be open on the inset day, 7th January as normal – 7am – 6pm. We wanted to let you know in advance to enable you to make alternative arrangements if necessary. We thank you for your support and understanding.



Upcoming diary dates

Tuesday 4 th December 1.45 pm	Foundation Stage Concert (tickets only)
Wednesday 5 th December 5.30pm	Foundation Stage Concert (tickets only)
5 th December (Wednesday)	Non-uniform day in exchange for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Stage – candy canes, chocolate coins or Christmas themed chocolates • Key Stage 1 - a box of chocolates/chocolate bars • Key Stage 2 - bottles for our bottle tombola (wine, soft drinks, shampoo, bubble bath etc.)
7 th December (Friday)	Christmas Fayre – for details see the letter sent out on Monday 26/11/2018
14 th December	Parents invited in to listen to their child's Grandparents Lunch song (9.15am) Christmas Jumper Day Grandparents Lunch
Monday 17 th December 1.45 pm	Key Stage 1 production (tickets only)
Tuesday 18 th December 6.15 pm	Key Stage 1 production (tickets only)
Tuesday 18 th December (am)	Key Stage 2 Christmas celebration at St. Andrew's church (children only).

Wednesday 19 th December	Pocket Money Christmas Gift Shop – back by popular demand!
Wednesday 19 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 st December	Children's Christmas Party Day. Sensible party clothes and footwear can be worn to school on this day.
Monday 7 th January 2019	Inset Day – Footprints open 7am – 6pm as usual.
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	School re-opens for the beginning of the Spring Term.

On Tuesday 18th December, Key Stage 2 will be having their Christmas Celebration at St. Andrew's church (pupils only).

Due to Health and Safety regulations, we are unable to light the Christingles in church and so we are not asking for you to make one this year. However, if you wish to continue this tradition at home, it would be lovely if you could tweet us a picture of your child with their Christingle – this is entirely optional.



Santa's Grotto – All the way from Lapland

In order to help us plan Santa's timetable, please complete the slip at the end of the PHFF Christmas Family Fun Day letter (or send in a written note) along with the correct money, £3, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. **Please ensure these are sent to school on Monday 3rd December. If you would like a photograph of your child with Santa Claus, please send in an additional £1 (in the same envelope).** Tickets will be given to your child's class teacher.

Santa will still be here at the fayre in the evening, but we are sure that you will appreciate not having to queue by enabling your child to see Santa during the day.

Frosty The Snowman's Magical Globe

Children will also have the opportunity to go to Frosty's globe during the day with their friends. **Please send £3 per child into school in a labelled envelope with your child's name and class. This should be sent into school on Monday 3rd December.** This will enable us to plan and ensure that we can make the most of our exciting new snow globe.

Pocket Money Gifts for Loved Ones – Wednesday 19th December 2018

Following the huge success of our Christmas shop last year, we intend to provide children with the opportunity to purchase gifts for loved ones once again. The children loved browsing the gifts on offer and it was delightful seeing them choose with care gifts for their family members. Children may bring in their pocket money to purchase a gift for a parent/carer or grandparent. These gifts will range between £1 and £2.50. After purchasing the items, your child will wrap the gifts in school in a bag decorated by themselves.