

Newsletter



Samuel
Barlow
Primary Academy

20th December 2019

'Together we are stronger. Together we achieve'

Dear Families,

I wanted to share this message with you – something Miss Burrell found on social media and I've adapted it for us because it is exactly what we'd like you to know:

We know that at this time of year there is a pressure to create what you think will be the perfect magical Christmas. We know that you want to give your children the best gifts and sometimes that means a bit of stress for you but we want you to know something very important: Every January when the children come back to school they tell us all about the Christmas holidays. They tell us about the time you stayed in to watch your favourite films on the TV wearing your PJs and snuggled in blankets. They tell us about the walk to Vicar Water to see the frost and icy puddles or splashing in the mud in their wellies. They tell us about staying with relatives when you have to go out somewhere and being excited for you to return. They may mention their gifts but for them Christmas is you and your love and time and routines and feeling safe. You are their favourite thing!

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome so many of you into our Academy over this Festive season. A massive thank you to every member of staff who makes our Academy the safe and happy place it is for your children to learn.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all,

Mrs Sarah Kahler, Acting Principal

Message From Senior Principal

What a wonderful time of year this is in school - the corridors and classrooms are full of excitement, laughter and glitter!! We have seen the acting and singing skills of all the pupils come to light through their plays, carol services and various events. It has been a pleasure to see them all take part in celebrating the wonders of this special time.

The planning for next term is in full swing and the teachers spent time together last night discussing the English texts they will be covering in January. I am sure the children will return to school feeling fully refreshed and ready to take on the new challenges of 2020! Thank you so much to all the teachers, pupils and families who work tirelessly everyday to ensure our children receive the very best education available to them.

I hope you all get chance to spend time with your loved ones during the holidays and make some special memories to treasure.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Spacey (Senior Principal)

Attendance

Please could you telephone the Academy by 9am if your child is going to be absent. Thank you

Congratulations to Y5 Said for achieving the highest attendance!!

The whole Academy attendance currently stands at 95.22%.

Please be reminded that our attendance policy has changed. A letter was issued before in October to confirm that we can now issue a penalty notice for persistent lates as well as absences.

The attendance motto in our Academy is to 'give it our best shot!' Even if children are feeling under the weather, they will come to school and if necessary we will send the children home. Please note that we have trained first aiders on site at all times, therefore your children are in safe hands.

		WK 13
F1 Ahlberg	HW/LW	90.08%
F2 Blake	SP	93.70%
F2 Jeffers	ML	93.86%
Y1 Donaldson	SS	96.22%
Y1 Thomas	ZP	95.50%
Y2 Dahl	ZW	97.04%
Y3 Cowell	LN	94.32%
Y4 Pullman	LB	95.33%
Y5 Said	RT/SK	97.55%
Y6 Walliams	JC	97.01%

Recommended Reads **Christmas**

The Crayons' Christmas

**By Drew Daywalt and
Oliver Jeffers**



Rated on Amazon



Approx £8.99
(hardback) or FREE to borrow
from your local library

The Jolly Christmas Postman meets The Day the Crayons Quit. Fantastic story with stickers, puzzles and letters – perfect for the festive season.

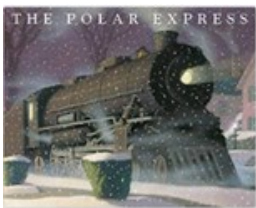
'Tis the season for all of us to write our holiday wishlists. But everyone--even the crayons--know the best presents are the ones that you give. In this unique book, readers get to see how Duncan, the crayons, and their families celebrate the holidays.

For readers of all ages

The Polar Express

By Chris Van Allsburg

Rated on Amazon



Approx £5.64 or FREE to
borrow from
your local
library



Late on Christmas Eve, after the town has gone to sleep, a boy boards a mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives there, Santa offers him any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for one bell from the reindeer's harness. It turns out to be a very special gift, for only believers in Santa can hear it ring.

A magical book for Christmas sharing.

Lunchtime Superstar

Well done to the following children for their excellent behaviour at dinner time: **All of our F2 children, K-Shaun, Tyler A, Jessica B, Dhanushiya, Mia, Esmay G, Harriet J, Amelia F, Jack R, Brie S, Marykate, Oliver O-E.**

Also a big well done to K-Shaun who has received our Midday Supervisors award for the term.

K-Shaun has shown outstanding behaviour and attitude at lunchtimes.



Mansfield Sports Recognition

Congratulations to Elani who came runner up in the Mansfield Sports Recognition Awards for Junior Sports Person of the year. It was a really close competition with judges commenting that any of the finalists could have won. Elani said 'I'm going to carry on playing football everyday, I love it!' Well done Elani, we are all very proud of you.



Farewell Mrs Robinson

We would like to wish Mrs Robinson the very best of luck in her role at her new school. She has been a key member of our team at Samuel Barlow and we are very grateful for all the work she has done for the children and families in our community. A heart felt thank you from the whole team and the entire community past and present!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 12th December we were all dressed up in our Christmas Jumpers. Our School Council kindly asked for donations for the homeless. Our children and families did us proud! We received a large amount of food, toiletries, socks, coats and blankets for both adults and children. Dogs were also thought of with dog food and treats. One of our children commented 'Wow we have some fantastic people around us!' The school council are very grateful for everyone's support and the children are so proud of themselves. The picture below is not even half of what was donated. Thank you, We are overwhelmed by your generosity!



DARE Graduation

Our Year 6 children had their DARE Graduation last week. Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a course developed to help children acquire a wide array of personal and social skills, including:

- understanding the need to take **personal responsibility** for ourselves and others
- effective **communication** and listening
- coping by **dealing with pressure** and stressful situations
- decision making
- resistance skills
- The identification of **risks and consequences**, particularly in relation to substance abuse



Wedding Wishes

We are very excited for Miss Bennett who will return in January as Mrs Shiel. We hope that she has a wonderful wedding day, with love from all of us at Samuel Barlow Primary.



Christingle

A big thank you to Pete Edwards, Lay Minister at All Saints Church for accommodating KS1 and KS2 children with a beautiful Christingle service. F2 didn't miss out either, they had their own Christingle service in their classroom.



Santa Visit

We had a very special visitor in school this week! Santa popped in to deliver every child a special present that needs to stay wrapped under their trees so Rudolf can find his way on Christmas Eve! Santa also encouraged the children to get to bed early and thanked the teachers for all their hard work too. A great morning which was filled with awe and wonder - children's faces were amazing and Santa commented that the children were a credit to the Academy as he left.



Visit From Pete Edwards

It was lovely to be joined by Pete Edwards, Lay Minister at All Saints Church, Clipstone who popped in to visit each class and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. We have enjoyed our visits to the Church and from Pete and we look forward to developing our links with All Saints further in 2020



Spring Menu 2020















Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Week One	Main	Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Sausage, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
	Vegetarian	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 	Linda McCartney Sausages, Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
		Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich Sweetcorn Cabbage	Cheese Wrap Cauliflower Broccoli	Hot Roast Baguette Carrots Green Beans	Cheese Brown Baguette Roasted Vegetables	Fish Finger Wrap Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Apple Flapjack Yoghurt Fresh Fruit 	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station
Week Two	Main	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges 	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Roast (as advertised), Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mexican Beef with Rice 	Breaded Fish with Chips
	Vegetarian	Chickpea Curry with Rice 	Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges 	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Soya Bolognaise 	Cheese Frittata with Chips
		Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich Sweetcorn Tomatoes	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich Peas Cauliflower	Hot Roast Baguette Carrots Green Beans	Cheese Brown Baguette Sweetcorn Broccoli	Fish Finger Wrap Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Ordy Pear Crumble and Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit 	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Dizzle Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Orange and Lemon Shortbread Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station
Week Three	Main	Cheese and Beef Pizza with Wedges 	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes and Gravy	Roast (as advertised), Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles or Rice	Fish in Batter With Chips
	Vegetarian	Mexican Beans with Rice 	Vegetable Hotpot 	Potato and Courgette Stock with Roast Potatoes	Vegetarian Stir Fry with Noodles or Rice	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips
		Tuna Sandwich Sweetcorn Broccoli	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich Swede and Carrot Mash	Hot Roast Chicken Baguette Carrots Peas	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap Green Beans Cauliflower	Fish Finger Wrap Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Ordy Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit 	Banana Sponge and Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Chocolate and Orange Brownie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station

 **Added Plant Power**
 **Vegan**
 **Wholemeal**

Available Daily:
- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.