



Believe to Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful term as the attached edition of Hedgelines illustrates. This half term, along with other members of our senior leadership team, I have visited classrooms to observe lessons, and with the wonderful Christmas productions and concerts, I am reminded of how hard the children work and how enthusiastically they participate in activities. We have also introduced a 'story time assembly' for infants and juniors each week so this is a lovely opportunity to enjoy a book with the children.

We extend our thanks to parents for your support this term and in particular to the PTA who have organised some excellent fundraising events. This term's Circus, Elf Day and Movie Night have raised in excess of £5,000 for the school. Thank you also to our governors who continue to work hard.

I am sure you will join me in joining me in congratulating Miss Wilson and Mrs Genco and their families on the birth of their babies. Olive Garrod-Wilson was born on 27th November and Giorgio Genco was born on 29th November. All are doing well.

A letter with some key reminders will go out at the start of term, however, if you do have time for shopping over this busy holiday (!) then we would be very grateful if you would send your child back to school with a box of tissues and a glue stick, along with the usual equipment such as pencil cases for those relevant year groups and PE kits for all except Nursery children. Please ensure that all children are provided with a warm PE kit, i.e. a navy tracksuit. Also a reminder that children should be wearing black shoes to school and not trainers. Thank you. For Reception classes PE will commence week beginning 13th January and children will continue to come to school in their PE kits on their allocated day.

Finally, we continue to review and quality assure our curriculum and if you visit our website you will find that we have updated the Year Group pages to include Curriculum Maps and half termly Topic Overviews. Do visit and, in particular, have a look for Spring 1's Topic Overview so that you can see what your child will be learning next half term.

On behalf of all of the staff here at Barrow Hedges, I wish you a very happy, peaceful Christmas with your families and all good wishes for the New Year.

Kind regards

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