



# Barlby Primary School News #1 8.9.23

Welcome to our 1st edition of Barlby Primary School News 2023 - 2024

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## A note from the Headteacher



Mr Anthony Mannix-Power  
Headteacher

*Welcome back to a very warm and sunny start to the Autumn term- I hope everyone managed to enjoy some sunshine when we were on holiday! We have a busy year planned full of learning and enrichment opportunities ahead and no doubt we will make some happy memories along the way at community events. A special welcome to all our new children and their families joining us this month, we know it can be an emotional time so please ask if you need any advice or support. The team has remained very stable although some of our teachers are working in new year groups to support their professional development. You should find many familiar faces around our school. There are very few changes to share with you but we welcome some new LSAs and Emma Harpin is new to the post of SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and she can be contacted on [emma.harpin@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:emma.harpin@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk).*

*In addition we are increasing our capacity for specialist teaching across the school and welcome Tony to the team- he will be teaching some of our PE and leading Barlby at borough wide sports tournaments. Simi Zoppi continues to deliver music lessons to all classes and has now moved into our studio which we are using as an Arts base. The studio enables classes to access more live music with the use of a piano, drumkit, keyboards, djembe drums, ukuleles, ocarinas, glockenspiels and a wide range of percussion. We have a very musical year ahead, thanks to our PTA and governors who have facilitated the raising of funds for us to purchase new instruments. The children will be taking part in several exciting musical performances in and out of school this year, in collaboration with the Tri-borough Music Hub and the local community, so watch this space. Mark Bird will be delivering specialist Art lessons to each year group as the year progresses and we are excited to be developing our curriculum incorporating a high quality offer in the Arts.*

*Barlby is very well supported by parents and governors and as the term progresses you will be invited to come along to coffee mornings and planning meetings about our community events- these are a regular fixture on the calendar. Our first community event of the year is Sports Day for Years 1-6 at the Westway which will take place on Thursday 28th September. We have not forgotten the EYFS but we want them to settle into school life before they compete in egg and spoon races.*

*This more in depth newsletter will be sent to you every three or four weeks and we will send regular reminders about key dates and events via text or e-mail. You can also follow us on social media although please note that we do not have the capacity to respond to messages on these platforms. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to use the teacher e-mail addresses provided as this can be a very good way to stay in touch, please do not feel you need to wait until parents evening for a progress report! This year we will continue the half termly open mornings and if you have an enquiry or question you are welcome to e-mail [info@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:info@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk).*

*I am looking forward to working in partnership with you again in the year ahead and please feel you can contact me directly via e-mail on [Anthony.mannix@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:Anthony.mannix@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk) or just have a word when you see me in the playground or at the school gate. Together we can support our wonderful community school to grow from strength to strength.*

*With my best wishes,*

*Anthony Mannix- Power*

*Headteacher*



Emma Harpin  
SENCo / Senior Teacher

Dates for your diary:



**Thursday 14th September:** Stay and Read Years 1,2,3 (8:20am - 8:50am)

**Tuesday 19th September:** Maths Parent Workshop - how can you support your child at home?

**Thursday 21st September:** Stay and Read Years 4,5,6 (8:20am - 8:50am)

**Tuesday 26th September:** Secondary Transfer meeting (8:30am - 9:00am in the school hall)

**Wednesday 27th September:** Secondary Transfer meeting (3:15pm - 3:45pm in Year 6 Classrooms)

**Thursday 28th September:** Sports Day at the Westway (For Years 1 - 6)

**Wednesday 4th October:** Year 2 visiting the Tower of London

**Wednesday 4th October:** Westbourne 5 and Ladbroke 5 have a Shakespeare Workshop in school

**Thursday 5th October:** Stay and Read Years 1,2,3

**Monday 9th October:** Year 4 visiting the British Museum

## Sports Day at The Westway (28/9/23)



On Thursday 28th September Key Stage One and Key Stage will take part in Sports Day at The Westway. *Nursery and Reception will have their Sports Day at a later date (more information to follow).*

The children will arrive to school as normal and they will walk down to the Westway with their class. The children must arrive to school in full Barlby P.E kit.

You are welcome to join us for Sports Day and to cheer on your child. We will be having a whole school lunch and you are invited to have lunch with your child and their class. However, it is very important that your child stays with their class, therefore please do not take them to another class or part of the complex.

Please see timings below:

### **Key Stage One:**

9:00am: The classes will leave and walk to The Westway

9:30am: Sports Day for Key Stage One will begin

12:00pm: Whole School Lunch will take place on the field

### **Key Stage Two:**

11:30am: The classes will leave and walk to The Westway

12:00pm: Whole School Lunch will take place on the field

1:00pm: Sports Day for Key Stage Two will begin

If your child is in **Key Stage One** you are welcome to collect them from the **Westway after the whole school lunch at 1:00pm**, if not then please collect your child at the normal time from school.

If your child is in **Key Stage Two** you are welcome to collect your child from the **Westway at 2:45**, if not then please collect your child at the normal time from school.

We encourage you to collect your child from the Westway but please inform the class teacher before you leave.

If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher who will be happy to help.

## Reading and Home Learning



### Homework

At Barlby, we have made the decision to update how we set homework. We are returning to children completing their home learning within work books. Google Classroom was established during the initial Covid school closures but having spoken to Parents and Carers, and looking into the numbers of children that are accessing this on-line learning, we believe it will be more beneficial for our families for children to complete learning into a physical book.

### Reception

Each week children will be sent home with an activity linked to their Phonics learning that they have completed in class. This will be sent home on a Thursday and due in on the following Tuesday.

### KS1 and KS2

Children will receive their homework every Thursday and the expectation is that it is handed in by Tuesday of the following week.

We want to emphasise the importance of completing home learning so the children get used to these tasks as they move further up the school and ultimately transition into secondary school where the demands will be higher.

If you have any difficulties with home learning, please speak with your class teacher. We as a school are very understanding of the challenges parents and carers face when asking children to complete learning outside of school

Children will receive a weekly Maths task within one book and a rotating Topic/English based activity within another book (2 tasks per week). The tasks will be linked to the weeks teaching and consolidate learning the children have completed in class. Activities will cater for children's levels. Within the learning, teachers may share strategies in which they have implemented in class as well as some of the key vocabulary covered. Tasks will not always need to be written down, there will at times be more creative options.

### **Promoting Early Reading**

Our school's priority in terms of Home Learning and family involvement with their children's education, has always been to promote the love of reading. A love of reading develops from having stories read to you and comprehension is built from the meaningful conversations had based on the text. Please read with your child and allow for these natural conversations to take place.

### **Nursery**

Nursery will be sent home with story books regularly to promote their love of reading. This will not be linked to their reading level, but something for parents and carers to enjoy with their child.

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

On a Friday your child will take home 2 'Little Wandle' books that are aligned with our phonics scheme. The books **must** be returned by the following Wednesday to ensure that we can change them with adequate time.

### **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6**

The children will be encouraged to regularly change their reading books. If your child is still reading at a banded level they need to take a book at their suitable band as well a 'free choice' option. If your child is taking home a chapter book, we would expect them to read frequently and change when completed.

## Parents and Carers Maths Workshop



We would like to invite parents and carers to attend a Maths workshop on **Tuesday 19th September from 8:45am - 9:30am**, which will be lead by Mr Enright, one of our Year 6 teachers and Maths Co-Ordinator. This will take place in the school hall.

The focus of the session will be to develop your understanding of the schools calculation policy and how we teach children different mathematical strategies from Year 1 to Year 6. This will enable you to support your child at home in line with the teaching they receive in school, and allow you to see how skills progress as children move through the school. We understand that Maths can be an intimidating subject for some, however the purpose of this workshop is to give Parents and Carers as much information as possible so you can support your child at home.

EYFS parents/carers are also welcome if they would like to see their child's next steps.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Enright or Mr Simon.

## Healthy Lunches at Barlby



**School Lunches and Packed Lunches**

As a school, we encourage our children to eat a balanced diet and drink plenty of water so they are fit and ready to learn. Our school meals offer a great choice and provide a range of nutritional options each day (halal and vegetarian included), often healthier than many packed lunches brought in from home. Since returning to school, we noticed that the majority of children bringing packed lunches to school, have a lunch box containing a high number of sugary and high calorie foods.

There is an increasing issue with childhood obesity and tooth decay and we want to support parents as much as possible to make healthy choices for their children's meals. There is also a clear link between a high sugar intake and poor behaviour so a healthy and nutritional meal at lunch time is incredibly important.

We recognise that this issue can sometimes be confusing and would like to clarify this further.

School kitchens must adhere to very strict nutritional guidelines about what can and cannot be included in school meals. This includes any salt, sugar and saturated fats. All menus compiled by school kitchens must meet these standards and all recipes are scrutinised for their nutritional content before being passed to the kitchen. This means that although the children will sometimes have puddings, cakes or chips for example, these are sourced and cooked in a healthier way and are presented as part of a balanced menu over the week. We understand that it is sometimes hard to explain this to children, who may see their friends as being allowed to have something on school meals that they are not as packed lunches, but we can control the sugar, salt and fat content of school lunches in a way that we cannot with packed lunches.

***As every child in London is entitled to a free school lunch, we strongly discourage children bring in packed lunches and instead taking advantage of our delicious and healthy school lunches.***

Please find information below on what is and is not allowed in a packed lunch.

They can include anything as long as there is no:

- Nuts (to safeguard those with allergies)
- Fizzy drinks or energy drinks
- Sweets and chocolate bars
- Crisps
- Cold chips/nuggets or fish fingers
- Cakes and biscuits are allowed (but only 1 of these per day)

Here are some healthy items you could include:

- Sandwiches/wraps
- Fruit
- Vegetable sticks and hummus/dips

- Pasta/noodles
- Rice cakes
- Fruit based yoghurts

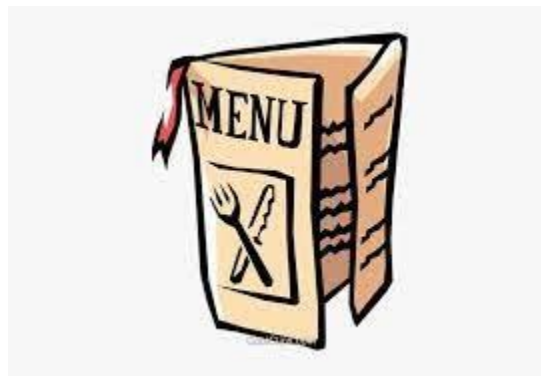
If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

If your child is having a packed lunch please ensure this lunch comes into school with them first thing in the morning.

Also, we offer a free school meal all week and cannot practically facilitate a mixture of packed lunch/school meal days as our chef needs to order in advance. Please give the office as much notice as possible.

If you would like to change your child from packed lunch to school dinners please notify the office.

## What's on the Menu?



Please find the menus below for the next 3 weeks:

**Barlby Lunch Menu – Week 1 (week commencing 11.9)**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Turkey escallops	Beef Bolognaise	Lemon, thyme and garlic chicken	Chilli con carne	Oven baked fish
VEGETARIAN	Ratatouille (V) (GF) (DF)	Putanesca Soya mince ragu style (GF) (DF) (V)	Lentil and butternut squash curry (V) (VE) (GF) (DF) (EF)	Spicy mix beans (V) (VE) (GF) (DF)	Mix beans and spinach wrap
SIDES	New potatoes with basil, cherry tomatoes & basil	Spaghetti (G) Seasonal vegetables	Roast vegetables Baked new potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Rice Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
SALAD BAR	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves
JACKET POTATO	Baked Beans Cheese Tuna	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese Tuna
DESSERT	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Fresh fruit salad	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Watermelon and Pineapple	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Homemade rice pudding (D)	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Selection of melons	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Jelly

**Barlby Lunch Menu – Week 2 (week commencing 18.9)**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Beef stew Potato Dumplings (G) (E)	Chicken in black bean sauce (G) (V)	Beef Meatloaf	Sweet and sour chicken	Fish fingers
VEGETARIAN	Potato Spinach and feta gratin (G) (D)	Roast vegetables and pesto lingerie	Vegetable cous cous and tabbouleh	Cauliflower and sweet potato curry (V) (VE) (GF) (DF)	Cheese and onion pastry (G) (D)
SIDES	Wholegrain rice Seasonal vegetables	Noodles Seasonal vegetables	Caramelised onions Boiled new potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Rice Seasonal vegetables	Pasta Carrots
SALAD BAR	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves
JACKET POTATO	Baked Beans Cheese Tuna	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese Tuna
DESSERT	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Watermelon	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Melon and Pineapple	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Fresh fruit salad	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Chocolate cake (G) (D)

**Barlby Lunch Menu – Week 3 (week commencing 25.9)**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Chicken in smoked paprika sauce (GF) (DF)	Beef Aloo Keema curry (GF) (DF)	Pen Pen chicken	Beef meatballs (GF) (DF)	Battered fish
VEGETARIAN	Cheese and onion quiche (V)	Quorn and courgette stew (G) (DF)	Glamorgan sausage (D) Served with potato wedges (GF) (DF)	Vegetable pasta bake (G) (D)	Quorn sausage roll (G) Fishless finger
SIDES	Garlic and rosemary new potatoes (GF) (DF) (V) (VE) Peppers, red onions, black olives	Rice/vegetable rice Seasonal vegetables	Oven baked potato wedges Seasonal vegetables	Tagliatelle (G) Seasonal vegetables	Chips Pasta Carrots
SALAD BAR	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves	2 x chef's special 1 x mix leaves Tartare sauce (E)
JACKET POTATO	Baked Beans Cheese Tuna	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese	Baked Beans Cheese Tuna
DESSERT	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Melon and Pineapple	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Fresh fruit salad	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Marble cake (G) (E) and custard (D)	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Peaches and yoghurt (D)	Fresh fruit Yoghurt (D) Chocolate cookies (G) (E)

## Use of mobiles phones during school events



Please note that Barlby is adopting a firmer policy in relation to the use of mobile phones in class assemblies and productions. Owing to the fact that some of our children are particularly vulnerable and/or do not have parental permission to appear on social media we are asking parents/carers not to film or photograph children other than their own. There will be an opportunity to photograph your own child with their friends (if their parent/carer agrees) after these special events. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Barlby's School PE Kit



At Barlby we know the importance of keeping active and ensuring the children are taught their entitlement of 2 hours of PE every week.

This includes one 'Indoor PE' session which is either dance, gymnastics, yoga or fitness games and an 'Outdoor PE' session which covers football, hockey, athletics and other team games.

As part of the PE lesson, the children should be changing into a clean PE kit every lesson.

This should include the following:

- A blue t-shirt (this can have the Barlby logo but this is not compulsory)
- Black or navy blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or plimsolls

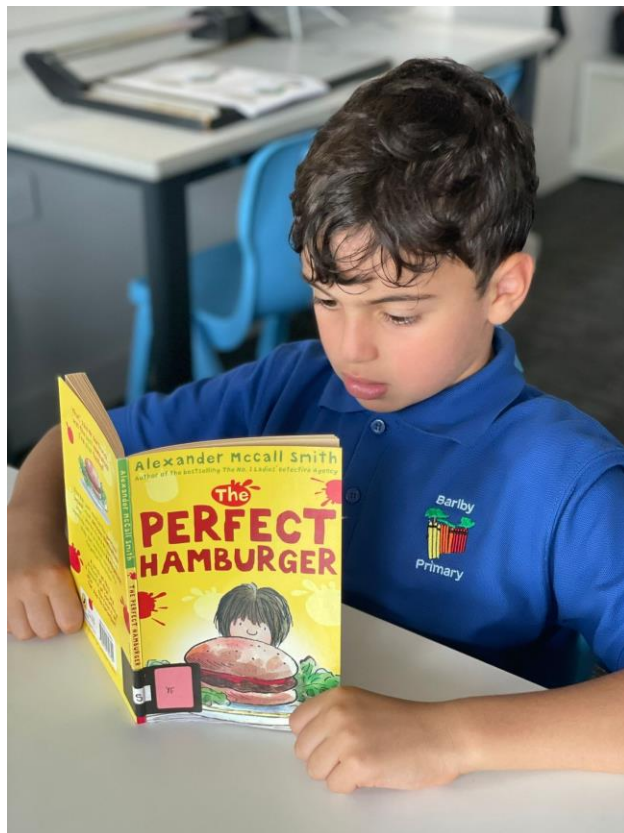
If you have any questions in relation to this please speak to your child's class teacher.



A snapshot of Barlby this week...







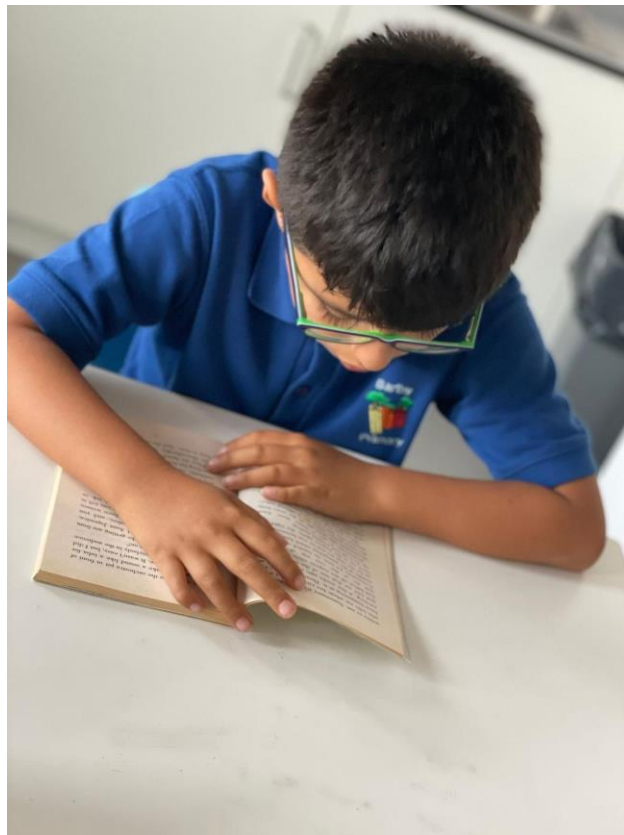


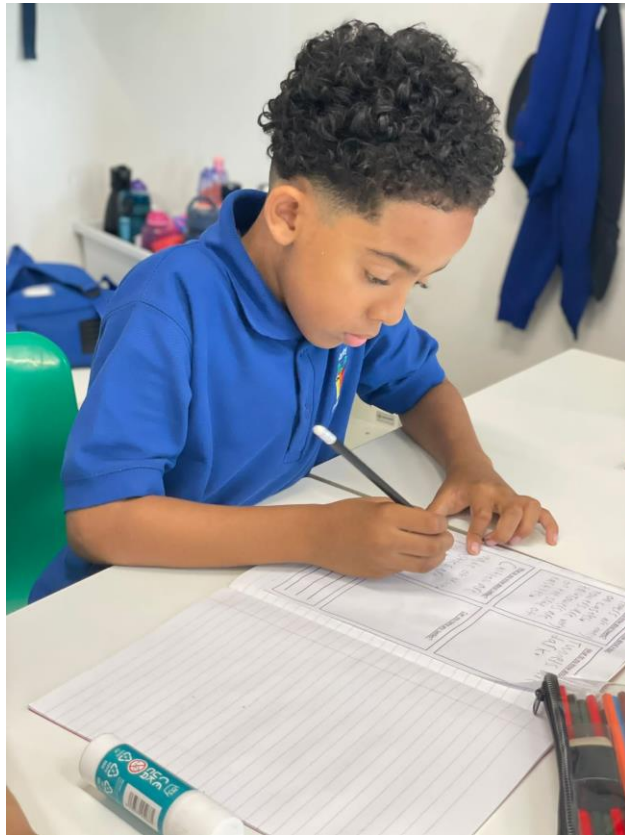












## Monty Moments!



I really missed school over the summer holidays and I am so glad to be back at work so I can see the children and my school adults- I even got a new haircut for my first day back at the end of August! I had a very relaxing summer and I spent most of it with my uncle and cousins because my humans went on holiday and I wasn't allowed on the plane. I didn't mind though because I enjoy playing with my cousin- he's a cockapoo and quite a bit older than me so I am faster than him when we race!

I hope you enjoy looking at these photos of me, especially the ones in the countryside where I met a horse for the first time!



*1 - I am tired after my long walk so having a rest on a bench*



*2 - Will you play with me?*



*3 - Walks by the river are my favourite*



*4 - Can you spot me?*



*5 - All fluffy and fresh from a trim*

## Our Charity Partners



Developing a good sense of well-being, positive mental health and resilience are priorities for our school. One of our aims is for every child to feel secure and develop a love of lifelong learning. Barlby continues to work with a number of charity partners to help us achieve this goal and we are pleased to share with you that we have in-house support from the following organisations;


*At the Bus* offers therapeutic support through art and the therapists in school work at Barlby for three days a week. The provision is based in a dedicated art studio on the second floor and focuses on working with groups of children who over time, create special keepsakes that they can take home and enjoy. The sessions help build self esteem, confidence and friendship groups.

*Place to Be* supports children at Barlby for two days a week and focuses on a bespoke 1:1 service offering counselling. The organisation also offers a listening ear through their initiative Place to Talk. It is a valued part of the Barlby menu of support for children and their families.

Barlby is a West London Zone school and this means that we enjoy the support of a full time link worker. This year we are supported by Ellie who many of you may have seen welcoming children in the mornings at the school gate. Feel free to say hello and find out a little bit more about the organisations work in our school and wider community.



Ellie Faulkner  
West London Zone Link Worker



All members of the school community should be treated with respect and, therefore, we must all set a good example in our own speech and behaviour. Know that we work really hard for your child and we are human too!

## **ADULTS WHEN ON SCHOOL SITE PLEASE REMEMBER:**



**RESPECT  
STAFF AND  
EACH  
OTHER**



**BE KIND,  
COURTEOUS  
AND AVOID  
MALICIOUS  
GOSSIP**



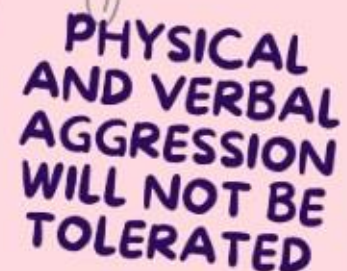
**RESPECT THE  
BUILDING AND  
ENVIRONMENT**



**DO NOT  
SMOKE OR  
VAPE ON  
SITE**



**USE  
APPROPRIATE  
LANGUAGE -  
NO SWEARING,  
RACISM OR  
SHOUTING**



**PHYSICAL  
AND VERBAL  
AGGRESSION  
WILL NOT BE  
TOLERATED**

## Contact Us



If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher in the first instance. They will be available in the playground at the end of everyday. You can also call or email the school office and ask for a call back from your class teacher.

You can email your class teacher using the following class email addresses:

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[caleb.catantan@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:caleb.catantan@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk) (Peabody R)

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Alternatively, you can contact [info@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:info@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk) if you have any queries.

### **Playcentre contact details**

If you would like to discuss registering your child in Playcentre or you would like to speak to Alan Birmingham (The Playcentre Manager) please contact him on:

07706375167

[alan.birmingham@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:alan.birmingham@barlby.rbkc.sch.uk)



*6 - Nursery: Mr Bird and Mrs Sitch*



*7 - Reception: Mr Catantan (Peabody) Ms Harrison (Sutton)*



*8 - Year 1: Mr Idowu (Bruce) Ms Atherly (Golborne)*



*9 - Year 2: Mr Jenkins-James (Balfour) Ms Jethwa (Burleigh)*



*10 - Year 3: Ms Stephen (Lancaster) Ms Wood (Latimer)*



*11 - Year 4: Mr Horton (Treverton) Mr Alleyne-Weir (Dalgarno)*



*12 - Year 5: Ms Cox (Westbourne) Ms Begum (Ladbroke)*



*13 - Year 6: Mr Enright (Trellick) Ms Omar (Portobello)*