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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good half-term break. The children seemed to have returned refreshed and ready for a busy, but enjoyable, second half to the term.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sue Briggs to our staff. Mrs Briggs, who is currently teaching in the local authority, shares our Barrow ethos and is looking forward to joining the team. She will be teaching Elm class for two terms to cover Mrs Adams' maternity leave. Children and parents/carers of Elm class will have opportunities to get to know her before she begins in January. With plenty of experience and a keen interest in the outdoors, Mrs Briggs will also be joining us on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November for tree-planting.

Thanks again to the families who have volunteered to help with the tree planting on 13<sup>th</sup> November. I will let you know when we take delivery of the trees, which have been donated by the Woodland Trust, so that we can confirm arrangements. The more help we have the better so if you are able to volunteer your support, please let us know.

Pupils will be able to enjoy a special Bonfire menu on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November - details of which have been sent out with this newsletter.

With Remembrance Day approaching, members of the School Council have been asked to represent Barrow 1618 at a service organised by the Royal British Legion, to be held in the Memorial Garden in Broseley, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Further details will be sent out to parents/carers of the school council.

To commemorate this day in school, I have been asked all pupils to create a poppy at home that can be brought into school by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November to contribute to a display in the hall. Poppies can be made from absolutely anything, large or small! We hope to receive sufficient poppies to create an impressive display! These will be returned to the children later this month.

As usual, poppies and other commemorative merchandise are now available for pupils to purchase in school with prices ranging from 50p-£1.50.

Look out for pictures of Yew Tree Class in the Shropshire Star's new school intake supplement which will be published on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Our school value for this half-term is 'Respect'. We are still collecting artwork to represent our new school values. Details of the competition have been included again, with this newsletter.

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The meeting about the residential visit to the Pioneer Centre will take place on Zoom this evening at 5pm. Parents/carers of Ash and Oak pupils should have received an invitation with joining details. I am aware that some of you have problems with internet connectivity and are, therefore, unable to attend the meeting. Please be assured that further details will be sent out following the meeting which I plan to record – and hope to be able to share. Here is the link to the Pioneer Centre website: <https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/pioneer-centre/>

You will have received details of parents' consultations due to take place over the next two weeks. Please ensure that you have returned the booking form to the school office by the end of the day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, we cannot take requests by phone.

To support Children in Need on 19<sup>th</sup> November, it will be a non-uniform day with pupils being able to choose to wear whatever they wish, including fancy-dress! Please ensure that they wear suitable footwear and bring warm outdoor clothing. Donations can be made via ParentPay or by cash on the day. We will also be selling headbands (£2.50) and fold-up rulers (£1.50) on behalf of Children in Need.

With COVID-19 infection rates remaining high, schools have been advised by Public Health to put some mitigation measures in place to attempt to avoid outbreaks; cases within the school community have also increased over the half-term break. Consequently, it is important that we continue to test regularly. For anyone with symptoms, however mild, a PCR test should be taken. Household members of anyone who tests positive should have a PCR test, even if they have no symptoms. We would prefer it if the children of households with positive cases did not return to school until they have received a negative PCR result. Even then, it is important to keep testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>