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Dear Parents/Carers,

Although this won't be a surprise to the pupils in Elm Class, I am now able to share the fabulous news that Mrs Adams has had a baby boy. Mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations have been sent on behalf of us all and we look forward to meeting baby Oliver in the near future.

### **Our Staff**

After the half-term break, Mrs Caroline Stanford will be replacing Miss Ellis in Ash Class as class teacher with Mr Holmes. Mrs Stanford has had a great deal of experience as a teacher and is an excellent practitioner. She is really excited about her new post at Barrow and will make herself known to everyone very soon. We look forward to welcoming her to our Barrow family.

Again, a huge thank you to Miss Ellis for taking on this role in September for a fixed term. She has worked incredibly hard and done a great job. Yew Tree class will be lucky to have her all to themselves again!

There is more excitement for the Holmes household with the expected arrival of the new baby fast approaching. The pupils will be without Mr Holmes for two weeks next half-term whilst he is on paternity leave. Mrs Stanford will cover his absence during this time.

### **Visits and Meetings**

To enrich their learning about traditional stories and fairytales, Yew Tree Class are due to visit Whittington Castle on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Parents and carers of Year 2 and Year 6 pupils, will be invited to Zoom meetings to take place early next half-term, to inform parents of this year's expectations for the statutory tests known as SATs. Statutory assessments and testing of Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have not taken place in school for the last two years, due to Covid, but will go ahead this year in the summer term. Dates for these meetings will be shared soon.

At 5:30pm, on 31<sup>st</sup> March, there will be a meeting in school for parents and carers of pupils in Ash and Oak class to discuss the final arrangements for the residential visit to the Pioneer Centre that will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May. You will receive a reminder nearer the time.

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## **Clubs & Music**

Further details of clubs being offered next half-term will be sent out next week with booking forms. Because of the lighter evenings, we expect to be able to offer more outdoor activities, such as football with Dave Bennett.

There has been a great deal of interest in extending the Dance Club to include younger pupils. We are expecting Molly Southgate, the current dance teacher, to be able to offer this club to all pupils after the half-term break.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in running or supporting a club in school.

Mrs Hayes and I will be providing extra tuition in English and Maths to Year 6 pupils for one evening a week after half-term. There will be no cost to parents and we aim to make these sessions enjoyable for the children.

There has been a brilliant response to the music lessons being offered by the Shropshire Music Service and Alison Dodd (see flyer attached).

## **Safeguarding and School Gates**

With children remaining on the premises after school to attend lessons and clubs, it is important, for the purposes of safeguarding, that gates are closed and locked as soon as possible at the end of the school day. Please ensure that you have left the school site by 3:45pm when the car-park gates will be locked.

## **The Friends of Barrow**

You will be pleased to hear that there was sufficient interest from within our community to enable The Friends of Barrow to continue and retain its status as a charity. A new committee has been formed with Gary Williams as Chair. As you will be aware, PTAs provide vital support to schools and we are relieved that The Friends of Barrow will remain. Please contact The Friends of Barrow if you would like to be involved in planned events and activities to support our school.

## **Parent Governor Elections**

Accompanying this newsletter, relevant paperwork for parent governor elections have been attached. If you have any further queries please contact me via the school office.

## **Half-term**

Please be aware that the pupils will break up for the half-term holiday on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February, with Friday being a Professional Development (PD) Day for staff training. Children will return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Remember, anyone is welcome to turn up at anytime, with a spade, for a bit of tree planting!

Thank you for the care and support you continue to show to our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely,  
Sian Stephenson  
(Headteacher)