

DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 25 th Nov – PTA Non-Uniform Day	Mon 12 th Dec – Yr 5&6 UVHS Panto, Coronation Hall
Mon 28 th Nov – PTA Meeting, 1.30pm	Mon 12 th Dec – EYFS and KSI Nativity 2pm (Methodist Church)
Tue 29 th Nov – KS2 Celebration Assembly 9.10am	Weds 14 th Dec – Christmas Party Day
Tue 29 th Nov – Governors' Coffee & Chat, 2.30pm	Tue 13 th Dec – EYFS and KSI Nativity, 5.30pm (Methodist Church)
Fri 2 nd Dec – EYFS and KSI Celebration Assembly 9am	Thur 15 th Dec – Reception, Year 1 & 2, Panto Trip, Coronation Hall, 1pm-3pm
Fri 2 nd Dec – Christmas Fayre, 3.15pm – 5.15pm	Thur 15 th Dec – Nursery, Christmas Zoo Trip
Wed 7 th Dec – KS2 Christmas Performance, Ulverston Parish Church 6.00pm	Fri 16 th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day & Last Day of Term
Thur 8 th Dec – EYFS and KSI Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Thursday 5 th January 2017 – Return to school

SJB's School Council

Year 1	Sophie O'Neill Jack Sedgwick
Year 2	Bradley Sproat Rosie Miron
Year 3	Theo Smith Dorothy Dennett
Year 4	Grace Athersmith Malachy Kenny
Year 5	Sarah John Holly Dennett
Year 6	Toby Dodson Rhiannon Shepherd



SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



We have had a very busy and productive term so far with many more exciting events to come. The children have enjoyed a range of educational visits, welcomed interesting visitors, taken part in community events and championed specific subjects such as sport and science. In addition to all this they have stayed focused on the core business of improving their basic skills. I was very proud of their very positive attitude towards their assessments last week. Well done SJB, keep up the good work. *Miss Pemberton*

Please see the school blog via the web site to keep up to date with school activities.

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Taking Responsibility

This term children voted for their class councillors to represent their class at school council meetings. Well done to all those who applied for the role and a special congratulations to the successful candidates. (see overleaf) There will be opportunities this term for children to apply for the new roles of Sports and Activity Leaders.

If you would like a copy of this newsletter in a larger print please call in at the office.

This newsletter is also available on our website – www.sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please take a moment to view our School Blog (*via the school website www.sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk*) to see all the community activities we've been involved with since the beginning of this term.

ANCHOR FESTIVAL - As part of the Ulverston Canal Regeneration Group's annual anchor festival, our children created some maritime masterpieces. A selection of children from all over the school were involved in the design and creation of our anchor entries. A special thank you to Miss Stuart, Art Co-ordinator, for making this happen.



KS1 HARVEST FESTIVAL – We donated a fantastic 92.3 kilos worth of food to our local Food Bank. A special thanks to everyone who contributed towards this worthwhile cause.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Many thanks to Mrs Heffernan and Mr Barker, school governors and Year 6 pupils Toby Dodson, Autum Wilson-Hancock, Maddox Scrogam and Rhiannon Shepherd for representing SJB at the Ulverston Remembrance Service at the Parish Church. The children laid a poppy wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of our school community.



BOXES OF HOPE - A **BIG** thank you to Miss Davison and everyone who contributed towards our annual involvement with 'Boxes of Hope', the charity which sends shoeboxes of Christmas presents from Cumbria to underprivileged children in Romania. This year we sent **68** boxes, many of which were packed by our Year 6 children.



CHILDREN IN NEED – Non-uniform Day. We raised **£230** for Children in Need. Well done everyone 😊

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Thank you for your support in ensuring our children arrive at school on time and make the most of the school day.

Children can enter school on the first bell at 8.45am. **Please note members of staff are not on the playground until 8.35am and children must not arrive earlier than this unless supervised by an adult or attending breakfast club. Please support us in ensuring your children are safe.**

It is important children are ready to enter school on the final bell at 8.50am. At SJB we are making the most of all learning time and the children get down to business immediately whilst a member of staff registers them. If a child arrives later they are missing an important learning opportunity as well as potentially disturbing their peers. **We again value your support in helping our children establish good punctual patterns for life.**

Absence, Unauthorised Absence, and Term Time Holidays

Please could you help the administration team by being specific when reporting reasons for absence. We are duty bound to monitor pupil illness and infection and we are required to report certain illnesses in order to ensure infection control.

Please note the school must adhere to government policy regarding authorising absence in school time. The school now has a duty to inform the local authority of significantly low attendance and unauthorised absence over 10 days. Please be aware that this may lead to prosecution and a fine.

For any information regarding attendance please see the School Attendance Policy on the school website. There are also links to relevant County Council guidelines. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see Miss Pemberton or Miss Todd, the school Education Welfare Officer.