



Colin's Comments: Well the Christmas festivities are already upon us and the school is busy, busy, busy! As well as a lot of hard work in class, our pupils have been rehearsing and performing the Christmas Nativity; been very industrious making lots of things for our very successful Christmas Fayre and the annual RAF Boulmer Party was enjoyed by everyone.

We say Goodbye and thank you to Sandra, one of our Residential Carers and also to Paul from Class 3.

We are very grateful to have such generous supporters and their donations at this time of financial constraints on Goodbye Schools is most welcome, as it means we can continue to offer special events and extra-curricular activities for our pupils without compromising our curriculum offer.



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing our pupils in January.

Donations: A HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated funds to Barndale this half-term, we are overwhelmed with the generosity shown to our pupils. Mr & Mrs Turnbull (Summer & JJ's Mum & Dad) are relentlessly generous with their time, money and donations for the School. Eileen from the taxi company,

Isobel from Perth, The Emporium, Alnwick who donated £90.40 from the Christmas Shopping Donations night (together with ticket sales, making £200.40) and of course to all of our parents, carers and supporters who came along to our Christmas Fayre—we raised over £700! The Friends of Barndale stall also raised an additional £100. An incredible achievement, thank you to everyone who came.

Thank you

Boccia

Boccia (pronounced "Bochea") We play a lot of Boccia in School. It is a Paralympic Sport that's a bit like marbles.

The aim of the game is to throw leather balls as close as the player can to a target ball, or jack. The jack is thrown first, then teams take it in turns to either get closest to the jack or knock the opposition's ball out of the way. The balls can be 'thrown' with hands, feet, or, if the competitor's disability is severe, with a ramp. At the end of each round the referee measures the distance of the balls closest to the jack, and awards points accordingly — one point for each ball that is closer to the jack than the opponent's closest ball. The team/player with the highest number of points at the end of play is the winner. Check out YouTube for videos on how to play Boccia and highlights from the Olympic Games.

Our latest competition results were: gold medal team Nikola, Ryan and Jack C, silver medal team Liam, Marcel and Finlay and bronze medal team Ava, Bobbie and Summer.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 21 Decemberbreak up for Christmas

Tuesday 8 January—back to School (Monday is a Training Day)

Half-term: break up on Fri 15 Feb, back in school on Mon 25 Feb

Diary

Dates

Easter Hols: break up on Fri 5 Apr, back in school on Tues 23 Apr

Monies

Next half term is 29 days; 6 weeks

Dinners: 60.90; Fuel : £12

Swimming: see separate letters.

Thursday after-school club is Table Cricket next half-term, see letter for details.

money

Envelopes are enclosed for your use.

Barndale Uniform is now ordered directly through SportsWorld in Alnwick, either in store or on their website rugbygear.co.uk.



