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### Y5/Y6 Football

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child attended the Y5/6 football trials this week. I ran the trials alongside Bryn Jenkins, our sports coach. It was great to run the football trials and we really enjoyed seeing everybody having fun and playing competitively! We had 17 children try out for the football team which is an amazing number. The league games are seven-a side and are twenty minutes per half. I try to take a squad of nine players each game to make sure children have a good amount of playing time.

With this in mind, I have decided that I am going to enter two football teams into the Y5/6 Boys league so everybody can be part of the school team and have the opportunity to play competitively regardless of ability. We will enter the first team as 'Barkisland Primary Team' and the second team as 'Barkisland Development Team'.

We are keen to ensure that as many children as possible can play active and competitive sports. The Barkisland Development Team will be made up of players who need further time to practice and refine their skills and develop their understanding of the game. The Barkisland Primary Team will be a more competitive team. As we progress throughout the season, there is scope for all children to move between the two teams, hence why we are creating a larger squad. The squad is fixed for the season, however there will be fluidity between the teams.

### I am pleased to state that your child has been selected for the Y5/6 football squad.

When the league is up and running later in the school year we will share more information regarding fixture details and competitions.

We will be entering one boys team and one girls team into the Adam Heslop Cup which takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. This is an exciting tournament that our Y5/6 boys team won last year and went on to represent FC Halifax Town in the regional competition and were one game away from making it to Wembley. Details of this competition will be sent out after half term.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs J Stott

Clubs and Fixtures Coordinator  
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Year 1 Teaching Assistant

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May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed Psalm 20:4*

