



collection and money for our Ghanaian appeal at some point before 6 October.

Class Dojo has taken off across the school with huge popularity! Thanks to the hundreds who have already signed up to Class Dojo in order to learn about how well your children are doing during the school day. If you haven't signed up and would like reports of your child's performance in school please follow the instructions below –

www.classdojo.com or you can download the app

- Parents can request a code from their teachers which will allow them to connect with their child.
- Alternatively, if you have not got a code for your child, you can sign up as a parent, type in your details.
- Then search for Bar Hill Primary School which should be in the list of schools.
- Next, click on your class teacher to connect with them. Enter your child's name (first and last name). This will connect you to your child.

Upcoming Whole School Events

25th September – PTA – AGM 19.30pm in the Studio

28th September – National Poetry Day

6th October – Harvest Festival

20th October – Individual School Photos

13th November – Anti-bullying Week with E-Safety Focus

17th November – Children in Need

14th December – Whole School Pantomime Arts Theatre's production of Jack and the Beanstalk – Parent mail coming soon

Reception

- Parent Consultations - Thursday 2nd November and Tuesday 7th November 15.30pm-19.30pm
- Educational Visits:
- Spring Term visit to South Angle Farm
- Summer Term visit to Hinchingsbrooke Country Park.
- We are also planning to arrange visits to our local community, including the library and Tesco.

Infants

- 12th October – Visitors from NAPP will be delivering Science sessions to Infants
- Week Beginning 30th October – Children's book week
- Parent Consultations - 2nd and 7th November

Middles

- 17th/18th/19th October – Farm to Fork Tesco visits

Autumn Term 2017

With two weeks of school gone by and the summer holidays distant memories, the children are very much underway with their learning and having lots of fun along the way. Thanks to all parents and carers who helped to make such a great start.

On 6 October we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in assembly so are inviting the children and families to bring offerings of food for those in need in our local community. All of the food will be going to a local food bank. This is an excellent, tangible way for the children to show our core value of Love, particularly for the vulnerable. Feel free to start sending the children to class with food for the offering during the two weeks leading up to the Harvest Festival assembly.

Along with bringing food, it would be wonderful if each child could bring £1 to go towards our appeal for our sister school in Ghana. We need roughly £1000 to complete the water filtration scheme we are working on to enable the children and the community of Atewasi to have clean water. We will have further fund raising to reach this goal unless, of course, if every child shared £3 during harvest festival which would amount to £1000! In the photo below is a picture of the work we've completed so far - we aim to have the children drinking clean water, rather than foul run-off, by the Spring, but earlier would be better.



If you would like to take part in this year's Harvest Festival please have your child bring food for our local

- 2nd - 7th November – Parent consultations

Uppers

- Year 5 – Burwell House - 16th-18th October (Payment has to be made in full before the trip).
- Sports events – we will inform you of sporting fixtures when we know further details.

September 2017 – July 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Autumn Term Opens	5th September (Tuesday)
Half Term	23rd Oct – 27th Oct
Children Back	30th October (Monday)
Autumn Term Closes	18th December (Monday)

Spring Term 2018

Spring Term Opens	3rd January (Wednesday)
Half Term	12th – 16th February
Children Back	19th February (Monday)
Spring Term Closes	29th March (Thursday)

Summer Term 2018

Summer Term Opens	16th April (Monday)
May Bank Holiday	7th May
Half Term	28th May – 1st June
No School - Training Day	4th School (Monday)
Children Back	5th June (Tuesday)
Summer Term Ends	20th July (Friday)

Phone Safety

A reminder that mobile phones should not be brought into school.

Please can we also ask that if your child/ren are using a mobile phone, can parents be aware of how and what their child/ren are using their mobile phones for. Parents are encouraged to check the phones of their children, including their apps.

Reminder for Changes for Buying School Uniform

We no longer will be selling school uniform at the school.

We will continue to sell school water bottles but all other uniform, including Book Bags and PE Bags must now be purchased online at Price & Buckland. Clothing can also be purchased from Tesco Direct but they do not carry Book Bags or PE Bags.

If you go to the school website:

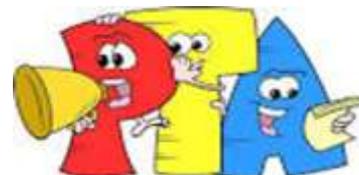
www.barhillschool.co.uk

Scroll down to “Quick Links” and click on “School Uniform”. From there you can either choose Tesco Direct or Price & Buckland to buy your uniform.

Both companies will deliver straight to your home. As well, Price & Buckland deliver twice a month to the school with your order pre-packaged and ready to deliver straight to your child’s class. It couldn’t be easier.

If you have any question, contact the school office.

PTA Fundraising News



What the PTA has purchased for the School in the last year (£3000)

- Classroom projectors
- The playground markings and play equipment for children to play games at break and lunch times
- Books and soft furnishings for the school library
- Year 6 leavers books
- Year 6 leavers Prom – The ticket price does not fully cover the cost of the event
- First aid training for all Year 6
- The chickens by reception
- A leaving present for Mrs Lewney
- Money for each class at Christmas time to have a class present

Events run by the PTA and amounts raised

- Christmas Fair and Raffle was run by the PTA
- Christmas Cards £550.00
- End of Term Disco’s £300 - £500

- Last Two Cake Stalls - £64.00 and £50.10
- Bouncing for Books – £939.36
- Pop Quiz - £679.00
- Fun Day – Approximately £800 to be confirmed

There is now a PTA Notice Board on the playground, please can a look at this for news, information and future events.



Thank you to all Parents/Carers for all your help and support with these events.

Important Dates from the PTA!

- PTA AGM – Monday 25th September 2017
- Christmas Fayre – Saturday 24th November 2017
- Christmas Disco - Friday 15th December 2017
- Pop Quiz – Saturday 27th January 2018

The PTA is always recruiting new members to join, if you would like more information on joining or any event please email em.spenceley@hotmail.co.uk

Joining Year 5

By Year 5 Reporter Larrissa – Class 10

How is it for me?

For me , I am doing great so far. I have two wonderful teachers Mrs Mayer and Mrs Wright. They help me when I am stuck or a bit confused.

What I am looking forward to in Year 5 is Burwell House, Bikeability and lots more exciting things that will happen.

Family STEAM Festival

This year's event is much bigger than last year and we want families from local schools to benefit. Our aim is to improve parental engagement in children's learning and to raise aspirations across the STEAM subjects. Please come and join us!



Important Events from Our School Facebook Page

Enjoying practical Science this week in Middles and becoming a model digestive system! Many thanks to Mrs Taylor, Science Ambassador for Mundipharma.



Enjoying the start of school in Reception and starting to gain independence.



Welcoming our research visitors, Professor Komatsu and Mrs Kume from Hamamatsu, Japan, and receiving lovely gifts for the school.



A brilliant harvest for the Gardening Club!





Congratulations to those who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge.



Student-led clubs are starting in great abundance. Lots of great leadership from uppers students this year!



Introducing the Reception class pets. Volunteers are always welcome to look after our pets over weekends and holidays - interested families should chat with Miss Frampton, Zoo Keeper and Assistant Head of Reception.



Collecting examples of autumn foliage on the Reception Autumn walk.



Celebrating reading in assembly this morning. We very much appreciate parents and carers reading with the children in all year groups.



