



Autumn Term 2017

As we bring this half-term to a close we thank parents and carers for all of the support given to the children and colleagues at school. It has been a marvellous half-term.

Next half term, along with the usual pre-Christmas fun, we will also start our new Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy on the first day after half-term; introduce Dialogic Literary Gatherings across the school and the use of Accelerated Reader in Key Stage 2. More details will come out regarding these developments next half-term! The new Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy, along with the new Communication Procedure at the school, will be sent via Parent mail for parents and carers to discuss with children.

We will be sending out again today the Behaviour Policy and the Communications Procedure. Please read these carefully, as day books will only be used for recording reading and Class Dojo will be used for communication with parents and carers.

If your child is to be absent from school please continue to ring the school office, rather than contact teachers directly.

It was wonderful to see so many at the consultation evening regarding academy status and joining CMAT. This is simply a final reminder that the consultation finishes on 3rd November 2017. We welcome any remaining feedback which can be shared by letter to the front office or following the link on the school website.

We hope all enjoy a restful and fun half-term and look forward to seeing the children on 30 October.

Upcoming Whole School Events

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

- Week Beginning 30th October – Children's book week
- Parent Consultations - 2nd and 7th November

Middles

- Parent Consultations - 2nd and 7th November

Uppers

- Parent Consultations - 2nd and 7th November
- 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	16 th April (Monday)
May Bank Holiday	7 th May
Half Term	28 th May – 1 st June
No School - Training Day	4 th School (Monday)
Children Back	5 th June (Tuesday)
Summer Term Ends	20 th 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.

Harvest Festival

Report by Zuzanna Sobisz – Year 5

Bar Hill Primary School celebrated Harvest Festival. Everyone brought in some food. There was a big selection of pasta, tinned food, cereal and lots more which we are able to donate to a local charity. This year the food was donated to Winter Comforts, and they help the homeless, so it is going to a very good cause.

Bikeability

Report by Issac Weeks – Year 5

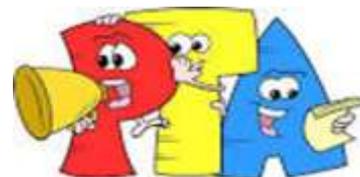
Bikeability was fun because we got to learn how to ride on the roads. It was good because they tell us what the hazards are when we are on the road.

There are two levels; level one is biking in and out of cones and how to start on the roads and the checks you have to make and how to stop safely.

Level two we got to ride on the roads and we got to use the new skills we learnt in level one.

I really enjoyed bike ability.

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!

- 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

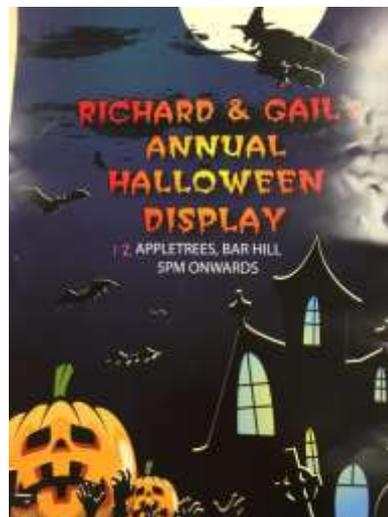
Festival of Ideas: Playful Learning Event

As a part of our partnership with the Faculty of Education and the Lego Foundation, we've been reminded that parents/carers and their children are welcome to take part in a "Playful Learning" day. On the day families will be able to take part in lots of activities including: exploration of fantasy and fiction creative writing, science experiments in action and play-based learning. The event will be on Friday, 27 October from 10 until 2 at the Faculty of Education, 184 Hills Road, CB2 8PQ. Families are welcome to drop in for all or some of the events.

Halloween Display Raising Money for Bar Hill School

Richard & Gail's Annual Halloween Display at 12 Appletrees, Bar Hill, 17.00pm onwards on 31st October 2017.

All proceeds raised are going towards Bar Hill Primary School.



Upcoming November Think Autism workshop at Papworth Children's Centre and Group Triple P parenting course starting in January 2018 at Bar Hill Primary school.

Group Triple P

- Tuesdays 6.00 – 8.30pm
- Dates: 9, 16, 23, 30 Jan, 6, 13 Feb 2018 Course sessions
- 20, 27 Feb & 6 March 2018 – Phone Calls

Suitable for parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 12 years old.

There are seven weeks of 2.5 hours sessions with three weeks of 30 minute phone calls.

Group Triple P is a parenting course for parents or care-givers who would like to:

Improve their relationship between the young person and themselves

Manage problem behaviours, Learn new skills to encourage the behaviour you want to see,

Teach your child new skills, Plan for the future

Free Course, No Crèche available. Parents need to attend all weeks.

Booking Essential Please call: 01954 286012

Bar Hill Primary School, Gladeside, Bar Hill, CB23 8DY

Think Autism

- Monday 27th November 2017
- 9.00-11.00am

Think Autism will be running a workshop at Papworth, where parents can support their family and child. Learn

more about the core features of autism, the importance of remediation and what you can do about it.
Booking required – 01480 831423 or
papworthchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
For more information please visit: www.thinkautism.co.uk

Important Events from Our School Facebook Page

Year 6 investigating hearts and lungs thanks to STEM ambassador - Lisa Taylor



Children in reception showing teamwork and love

Reception made straw oboe, used stethoscopes to listen to our heart beating, and made string phones. We also tasted bitter, sour, sweet and salty flavors.



All the Reception children went outside to do some exercise and feel our heartbeat. First we ran around and then we played with the footballs. When we had finished we all felt tired, hot and we needed a rest!



Reception hold a big read with parents every Wednesday from 2.40pm and it is well attended.

Last week Reception held a bedtime reading session with children, parents and staff all in their PJs, we shared books and enjoyed hot chocolate.



Learning about food in Reception this week. We have been mashing peas to improve our fine motor skills and feeding the hungry caterpillar so we can sort healthy and unhealthy foods. We have also been writing as though we were a carrot, making healthy plates of food in the creative area as well as many more continuous provision activities.



Introducing a few of our Values Leaders. They are responsible for anti-bullying work under the guidance of Mrs Honey our Anti-Bullying Coordinator.



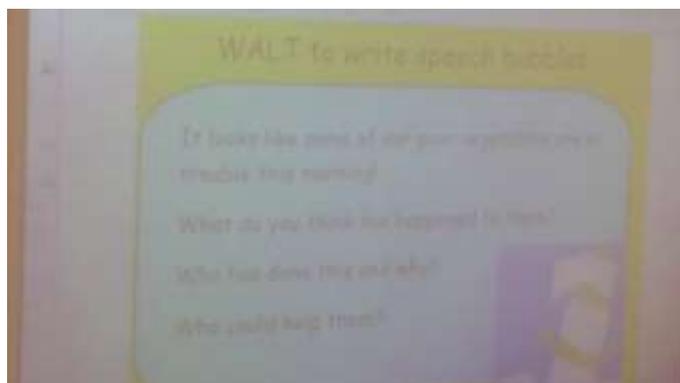
Harvest Festival was a great success, thank you for all contributions and the food is being donated to Winter Comforts.



Using extra funding received for PE, bespoke coaching and our new Head of PE to develop champion standard netball.



Baking in Design and Technology - Yummy!!!



Memories from Burwell

Waving off Year 5. Have fun at Burwell!



Teaching writing in Year 1.



