



Spring Term 2017

Spring is coming! At this point in the term I keep reminding myself, my colleagues and the children that Spring is coming – this helps when in the same day we experience rain, sleet, snow and beaming sunshine.

Traditionally this term is one during which the children work exceptionally hard with a keen focus on academic excellence. Next week, for example, the Year 6 children will be taking their mock-SAT examinations. Similarly, Year 2 will also be using SAT questions in their lessons over the coming weeks. The aim of this in Year 6 is for the children to experience all that happens during an examination week so that teachers can support the children with any confusion, fear or negative emotions the children might feel long before the actual examinations in May. We very much appreciate any feedback about how the children are managing during these mock examinations.

Along with the academic focus, there will be a good level of enrichment to ensure that we teach the children about life rather than simply train the children to pass examinations. Please have a look at the upcoming events for these opportunities and speak with your child's class teacher if there are any questions.

One particular event that I'd like to emphasise is Safer Internet Day which Mr Budhi is planning to take place in February. This is a very important issue for all children as young people become more exposed to life "online". While more will be coming from Mr Budhi about helping children be safe online, at this point it would be very helpful if parents and carers could make sure that they monitor the online activities of children while also making sure that they keep to the age restrictions on the games and films that the children use. Last week we found that some children in Year 2 were exposed to Grand Theft Auto, a game that is limited to adults and definitely not for small children. Children are very vulnerable to the negative effects of online behaviour if not monitored closely by parents and carers. If any parent or carers has any questions about keeping children safe online or while playing video games and watching films, please contact Mr Budhi for further support.

Upcoming School Events

- 16th, 17th and 22nd January 2018 - Year 6 – Parents Evening's with Mrs Tabram and Mr Elwood
- 10th January 2018 – Maths Workshop KS1 and KS2
- 12th January 2018 till March 2018 – Year 5 Swimming
- Week Beginning 29th January 2018 – Y6 Mock SATs Week
- 6th February 2018 – Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".
- Week Beginning 26th February 2018 - World Book Week
- 1st March 2018 – World Book Day
- 8th March 2018 – Reception - South Angle Farm Trip
- Week Beginning 12th March 2018 – Science Week
- Week Beginning 17th March 2018 – Sports Relief
- 20th March 2018 – Middles Production
- 23rd March 2018 – Year 4 – Science Enrichment Day
- 24th March 2018 – Red Nose Day
- Week Beginning 26th March 2018 – Y6 D & T Focus – Cooking Week
- 27th March 2018 – Year 5 visit Morgan Sindell for the STEM day.
- 27th March 2018 – Reports to Parents

Important Dates from the PTA

- Pop Quiz – Saturday 27th January 2018

Update from the Governing Body

2018 promises to be an exciting year for the school as we continue to move towards Academy status and become part of the CMAT family. We have the 1st June as a conversion date, with the Regional Commissioner's Office, CMAT, Local Authority and the school all working closely together to ensure a smooth transition.

The governing body congratulate Dr Mistrano on his new position as an HMI and we have put the wheels in motion to recruit a new Head Teacher for the school. Adverts will go out shortly with provisional

interview dates set for mid to late February. The next couple of months will see me working closely with Dr Mistrano to set the next balanced budget and update our school development plan to ensure a seamless succession.

Please let me reassure you that with these changes taking place, the governing body has not lost focus on the school's performance. Our monitoring indicates that we are well set to improve on last year's excellent results!

Regards

Jim Lay - Chair of Governors

Jack and the Beanstalk Reporter David Starling – Year 5

I think that it was a very good play and that I would definitely go and watch it again. My favourite character was Jack's brother. My favourite part was every time one of the characters did a dab, because it was very funny.

Overall I think it was a great play and lots of people should go and watch it.



West Stowe Anglo Saxon Village Reporter Elsie Siu – Year 5

On Monday 12th January 2018 we went to West Stowe and it was really nice. Firstly we went to a Museum of the Anglo Saxon and there were loads of things to learn from humanities lessons.

There were lots of interesting things: helmets, jewellery and poo.

At the end we got introduced to Bob the Poo and after lunch we went to see Anglo Saxon Houses. We went inside and we talked about the house and what it was like to live during Anglo Saxon times. We were also told a story about the Beowulf in the hall.

Exceptional achievement in Judo

The children between them were awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals! Well Done!



Uniform Reminder

All children should have a school jumper or cardigan with the Bar Hill logo and must have school shoes. This means that children are not allowed to wear plain jumpers, hoodies and cardigans or boots and trainers. Of course, the children are allowed to wear boots on the way to and from school, but during the school day they are expected to wear school shoes.

Uniform Policy as listed:

- Correct shoes – Black (in recognition that growing children need correct footwear)
- Children should be wearing branded Bar Hill sweatshirt or cardigan
- Socks to be grey, black or white
- All polo shirts for uniform must be white
- All polo shirts for PE must be light blue
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/tailored shorts
- Summer dresses to be blue checked.
- PE shorts to be navy
- PE tracksuits must be navy

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

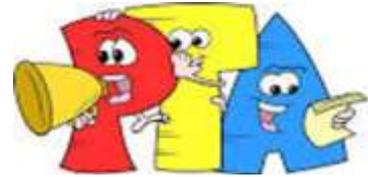
Scroll down to “Quick Links” and click on “School Uniform”. From there you can either choose Tesco Direct or Price & Buckland to buy your uniform.

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.

PE KIT Reminder

Please can you ensure your child/ren brings their pe kit into school on a Monday and it does not get taken home till the Friday. The pe kit is to be in school all week.



PTA Fundraising News

PTA Christmas fair was a great festive fun event, with lots of fun games and stalls, raising **£500** for the school. Thank you for your support.



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
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- 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.

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

PARENT WORKSHOPS Bar Hill Children's Centre Gladeside, Bar Hill, CB23 8DY

- Understanding Challenging Behaviour (2-11yrs)
Wed 31st January 10am - 11.30
- Effective Discipline (2-11yrs)
Wed 7th February 10-11.30
- Sibling Rivalry (4-11yrs)
Wed 28th February 10-11.30

Booking essential 01954 286012

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Apply now for a Reception School Place for September 2018.

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If your child will be aged 4 by 31st August 2018

You need to apply NOW for a School place

Apply by 15th January 2018

For further information please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions or contact your local School

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone (01463 645 137) Box OCT1321, The Octagon, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB2 0AP

Upcoming 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

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Important Events from Our School Facebook Page

This term, we are exploring the school value of Curiosity. How have you been curious this week?



'New' Circus Club on Tuesdays After School

Please contact Emma Wright on emma.wright@cantab.net to find out more.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Are you looking for a new club for your child?
Do you wish they were more active?
Do you want something different to the school sports teams or dance classes?

Come along to our first Circus Club of term for FREE!

Three reasons your child should come to our **FREE** Circus Club Session

- Improve your child's motor skills and physical ability with old favourites like juggling and hula hoop
- Improve their resilience and determination with challenging new skills like flower sticks and diabolo
- Put a smile on their face as they have fun, get active and make new friends

"Thank you for circus club. (My daughter) enjoys it so much and is definitely learning resilience and determination which I feel is an important life skill!" - Angelina (Parent)

Important: Parents must book directly with Right Side Up Circus to secure their child a space.

Contact Right Side Up Circus at emma.wright@cantab.net to book your **FREE** space at Circus Club now!

Children in Class 8 learning about literature and leadership during our student-led Dialogic Literary Gathering (DLG).



Receptions have been searching for a dinosaur which has been in the classroom. Leaving footprints, eggs and even something more disgusting!!! The children have made a net and posters to catch it but so far it's been elusive. Tomorrow we will be setting up cameras with the help of Mr Tabram to see what we see.

Is that Mr Elwood as the dame. Oh no it isn't - oh yes it is!
Bar Hill enjoys the local panto with our own local hero. Congratulations, Mr Elwood, for a star performance.



Building computers during Raspberry Pi Club.



Bar Hill School representing Cambridgeshire as a flagship school at regional teaching fair.



September 2017 – July 2018

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)

Assembly at Nottingham British School in Kuwait as we help them with their school improvement plan. This forms part of our work as a British Council International School.

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)

September 2018 – July 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Autumn Term Opens	5th September (Wednesday)
Half Term	22nd Oct – 26th Oct
Children Back	29th October (Monday)
Autumn Term Closes	18th December (Tuesday)



Spring Term 2019

Spring Term Opens	3rd January (Thursday)
Half Term	18th – 22nd February
Children Back	25th February (Monday)
Spring Term Closes	5th April (Friday)

Summer Term 2019

Summer Term Opens	23rd April (Tuesday)
May Bank Holiday	6th May
Half Term	27th May – 31st May
Children Back	3rd June (Monday)
Summer Term Ends	19th July (Friday)

