



## Spring Term 2017

At last – it’s finished! The new play equipment we’ve been working for on the playground has finally arrived. Parents and carers may recall that we started the fund raising for this after the loss of our beloved colleague, Dawn Miller, who, before she passed, inspired us to reinvigorate our playground space. After lots of fundraising events and successful bids for external funds, we’ve completed the construction and the children are loving it. The new equipment, a climbing frame and an imaginative/den building area, has made the playground an even more fun place to play during Break and Lunch.

Along with the new playground equipment, we are nearly finished our construction for the new heating system. We expect the work to be completed over February half-term. For the rest of the year, it’s quite likely that Reception will continue to use the temporary space but will also use the main Reception area once it is re-decorated and put back together as a classroom.

Finally, the governing body has started the recruitment of the new head for the school – further details will follow as the process continues. On a similar note, Mrs Bloom will be leaving the school at Easter to re-join her family in Nottingham. We have already secured a new teacher, Mrs Thompson, who has started working with Mrs Bloom, Mrs Russell and the class so we expect the transition to be straightforward even though we will miss Mrs Bloom and wish her well for the future.

## Upcoming School Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - World Book Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – World Book Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Reception - South Angle Farm Trip
- Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Science Week
- Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Sports Relief
- 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Middles Production
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 – Year 4 – Science Enrichment Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Red Nose Day
- Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Y6 D & T Focus – Cooking Week
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Year 5 visit Morgan Sindell for the STEM day.
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 –Reports to Parents

## Upcoming School Events

- PTA Meeting Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm

## Swimming

### Reported by Issac Weeks – Year 5

#### **What we do at Swimming**

When we did swimming for the first week they tested us on how good we were by getting us to swim a width.

On the second week they told us what group we were in.

#### **How long we swim for**

There are two groups: one does school work while the other swims. We get 30 minutes in the pool each lesson.

## Where we get changed

When we walk in we see one door on the left (which is for boys) and one on the right (which is for girls).

## How many Swimming Groups are there?

There are three groups. One for the children that can not swim. A second group for the children that need to improve their swimming techniques and a third group for children that are really good swimmers.



## 100% Attendance Table

Every week if a class achieves 100% attendance they are awarded in assembly a Class Certificate and an Attendance Bear to keep for the week in class.

Spring Term 2017-2018		
Week Beginning	Class	Percentage
01/01/18	Class 4,8,9,13	100%
12/01/18	Class 8,7	99.6%, 100%
15/01/18	Class 1,10,13	98%, 98%, 98%
26/01/18	Class 12	100%
05/02/18	Class 7, 10	99.6%, 99.6%

## Reporting an Absence

If your child/ren is to be absent from school you must contact the School Office on 01954 273305 before 9.00am to report, you will be able to speak to a member of staff or leave a message on the answer machine. Please state clearly your child's name, class number and reason for absence. You must phone the school office for every day your child is absent.



## Booking a Birthday Table

### What is a Birthday Table:

Birthday Tables are always an exciting way for your child/ren to celebrate their birthday with their friends at school.

A Birthday Table costs £15 and this includes:

8 places (including birthday child)

Table decorated with table cloth, napkins, Milkshakes, a Birthday present and a birthday cake.

### Cost of Meals on a Birthday Table:

If a child is on the Birthday Table in Reception, Year 1 and 2 there is no cost.

If a child is in on the Birthday Table in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, there is a cost of £2 per child for their meal on that day.

If a parent wishes to have a meal at school on that day, this would be a charge of £2.50.

### How to book a Birthday Table:

#### Step One:

Come to the school office to book a date, you must do this first as dates go very quickly. A Birthday Table booking has to be done one week in advance of the booking required.

#### Step Two:

You can make the payment for the:

Birthday Table

Sims Agora - Online Shop - Birthday Table Birthday Meals

Sims Agora - School Meals

Then we require a list of the Birthday children to be on the Birthday Table a few days before the date.

Any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Milroy in the school office.

## Phone Safety

A reminder that mobile phones ideally should not be brought into school. For those that must have a mobile phone, we have a system for storing them during the day, but we can't take responsibility for any damage to a phone at school.

If your child/ren are using a mobile phone, please be aware of how and what their child/ren are using their mobile phones for. Parents and carers are encouraged to check the phones of their children, including their apps.

## Recommended Reading Lists

You will find 'Recommended Reading Lists' on the school website under 'Year Groups and Our Teams'.



- 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](http://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.

## 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

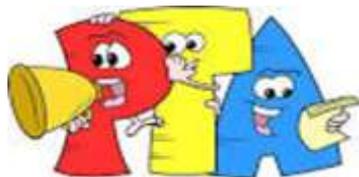
## PE KIT Reminder

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 Pop Quiz

A note from the Chair of the PTA:



What a great night Saturday was! Thanks to all who came along to enjoy the PTA quiz and all who helped, especially Mr Tabram. The money is all in and counted with a total raised... £ 936.20!!!!

Woohoo!!!

See you all at the next meeting!

Emily Spenceley, Chair of the PTA

### 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.

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](mailto:em.spenceley@hotmail.co.uk)

### **PARENT WORKSHOPS**

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

- Sibling Rivalry (4-11yrs)  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February 10-11.30

**Booking essential 01954 286012**

**[districtearlyhelppteam.southcamb@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:districtearlyhelppteam.southcamb@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

**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 caregivers 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.

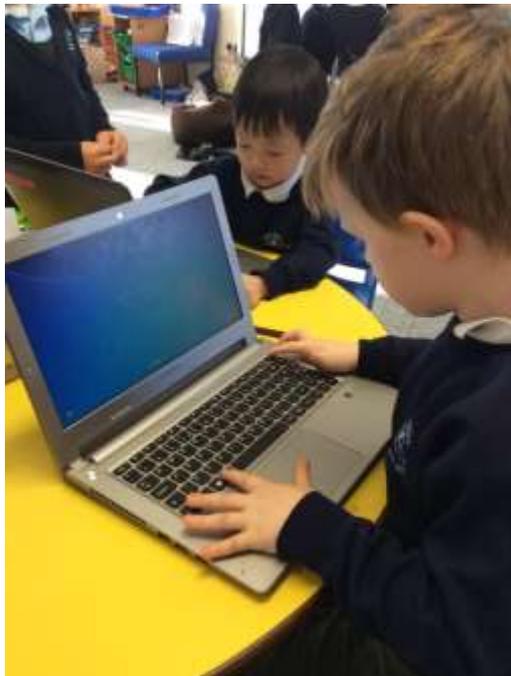
Booking Essential Please call: 01954 286012  
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## Important Events from Our School Facebook Page

Tracking down that "naughty dinosaur" in Reception.



Reception children starting computing by logging on for the first time.



Enjoying the launch of Super Hero Week in Reception with our very own heroes.





Middles enjoying an Ancient Egyptian day from History Off The Page!



Enjoying the new play equipment.



## September 2017 – July 2018

### Spring Term 2018

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

### Summer Term 2018

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

## September 2018 – July 2019

### Autumn Term 2018

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

### Spring Term 2019

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

## Summer Term 2019

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

