



Spring Term 2017

Update from Governors

After a thorough recruitment process, the Full Governing Body has ratified the appointment of Janette Quinn to the post of Head teacher to start in April after the Easter holiday. Mrs Quinn will bring much strength to the school and it is with great confidence that governors appointed her to take the school forward during what promises to be an exciting future as we become an Academy and continue to build on our great achievements

Dr Mistrano will leave the school in a very strong position and governors continue to work closely with him to ensure the transition between head teachers together with our conversion to an academy on or after June 1st, 2018 are both seamless.

Regards

Jim Lay
Chair of Governors

According to the meteorological calendar, the first day of Spring arrived on Thursday of this week – and what better way of celebrating the occasion than to grit the walkways and encourage the children to make sculptures in the snow! All at the school appreciate the support of parents and carers during this time of extreme cold weather by ensuring that the children are dressed with warm clothes, including coats. We very much believe that children should be playing outside as much as possible, even if it happens to be snowing or raining lightly.

Along with enjoying the snow, we have also enjoyed our Celebrating Reading and Writing Week, including the global celebration of World Book Day. The children were truly bowled over by some of the visiting authors we had in assembly and showed

brilliant imagination with their clothes during World Book Day.

For Tuesday, 6 March to finish Celebrating Reading and Writing Week, the Student Council have planned a second hand book sale with the money raised going to our sister school in Atewasi, Ghana. We are trying to complete the building of a water filtration system so that the children can have clean water at the school. We are only £500 away from reaching our goal so very much appreciate the support of families with this very worthy event.

Also on Tuesday, 6 March we will be hosting an evening during which we discuss with parents and carers how we manage behaviour and bullying at the school. During the evening there will be presentations as well as time for parents and carers to feedback ways we can make things even better at school. The event starts at 3:45 (just after the book sale) – we look forward to seeing all parents and carers there. For the event we will be providing childcare. It would be very helpful if parents and carers could let us know if they will be attending and also if childcare is needed please indicate both these options on the parent mail form which was sent out Tuesday 27th February 2018 or please let the school office know. Unfortunately, we won't be able to accept requests for childcare at the event so please do let us know in advance if childcare will be needed.

Going forward, the rest of the term will be very busy and, as a result, enriching for the children. We put a lot into the wider curriculum for the children so that we support well rounded development in an exciting learning environment. If there are any questions about what will be happening over the coming weeks, please contact class teachers straight away.

Finally, this is also the time of year when most of the children experience tests. If any parent or carer is concerned about the impact the preparation for tests is having on their child, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible. While Bar Hill has built a strong tradition of excellent results, we don't want to make children miserable or stressed during the testing season.

Upcoming School Events

- 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

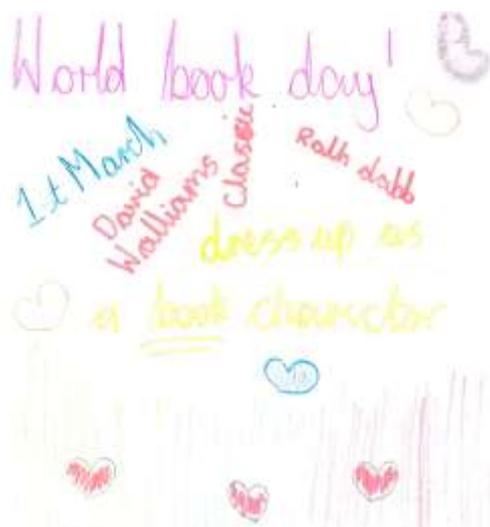
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- PTA Meeting Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm

World Book Day Reporter Pippa Caswell – Year 5

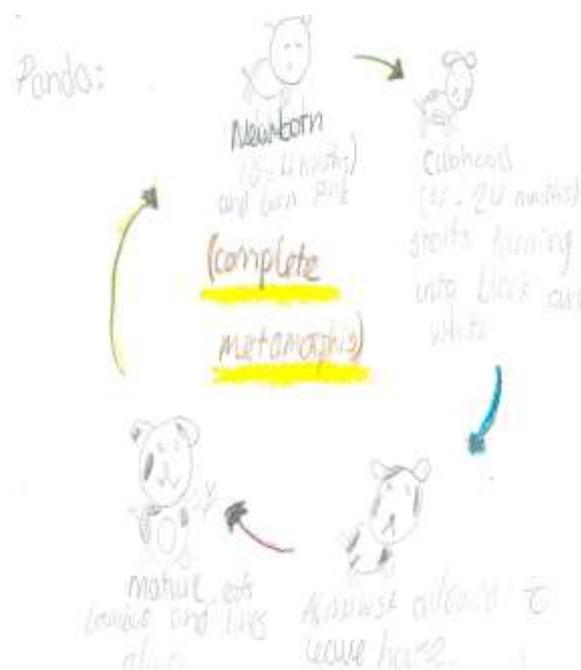
What I looked forward to for World Book Day.....

- Pink Lemonade and buns in the library
- Dressing Up
- Meeting authors and lots more!



Life Cycles Reporter Zuzanna Sobisz – Year 5

Recently, Year 5 have been learning about life cycles, it is all based on mammals and the ways they live. We drew diagrams about how a life cycle looks like. Here is a life cycle about a Panda:



100% Attendance Table

Every week if a class achieves 100% attendance they will be 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%
08/01/18	Class 8,7	99.6%, 100%
15/01/18	Class 1,10,13	98%, 98%, 98%
22/01/18	Class 12	100%
29/01/18	Class 7, 10	99.6%, 99.6%
05/02/18	Class 7, 12, 13	100%, 99.6%, 100%
19/02/18	Class 12	100%

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 should not be brought into 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 'Recommend Reading Lists' on the school website under 'Year Groups and Our Teams'.

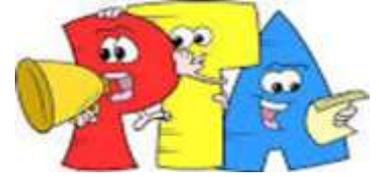


Uniform Reminder

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



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

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.

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

[Important Events from Our School Facebook Page](#)

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



SWAVESY VILLAGE COLLEGE PRESENTS

TUESDAY 20TH
WEDNESDAY 21ST
THURSDAY 22ND
FRIDAY 23RD
MARCH 2018
7.30PM

TICKETS ON SALE
FEBRUARY 2018
£12 / £10 (CONCESSION)

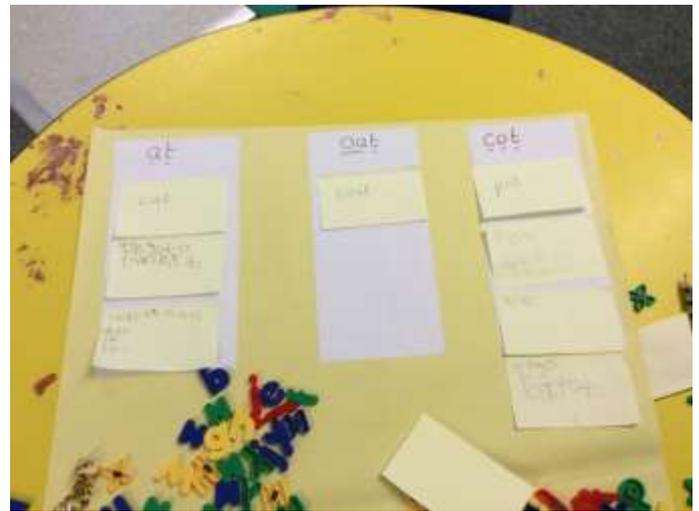
EVITA

LYRICS BY TIM RICE, MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY HAROLD PRINCE

AN AMATEUR SCHOOL PRODUCTION BY ARRANGEMENT
WITH THE REALLY USEFUL GROUP LTD.



Teachers and teaching assistants are training as Apple teachers in order to use our new I pads to best effect for the children. This is so cool!



Enjoying the donation of new teddies to the library.

Enjoying the new topic of animals in Reception by rhyming, making bird feeders and playing lots of games.



Role play as vets in Reception





September 2017 – July 2018

Spring Term 2018

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

Bar Hill takes third out of 30 teams at the county hockey tournament and, more importantly, was awarded as the team that played most "in the spirit of the games". High achievement is wonderful, but demonstrating our values to hundreds of other young people in the county in such an impressive way is even better.



September 2018 – July 2019

Autumn Term 2018

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

Spring Term 2019

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