



## Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents,

It is a great pleasure to join Bar Community Primary School. Your children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn - they have made me feel very welcome! It is a privilege to join the Bar Community Primary School and work with a high performing school that truly lives its values. As an experienced Headteacher, and as a parent, I am committed to providing the best possible education for your children. I look forward to getting to know you all as a community.

You will see from the rest of the newsletter that we have had a busy start to the Term. We all enjoyed the experience of listening to music composed by Handel and played by the Brooke Street Band. The performers commented numerous times on the outstanding behavior of your children who listened attentively and asked reflective questions. The year three children enjoyed their trip to Duxford and it was a pleasure to see the Reception children using the outside learning environment to the full when completing learning activities linked to a well-loved book 'Rosie's walk'!

Thank you to the parents from Year Two and Six that attended the SAT's meetings – it was lovely to have the opportunity to meet you!

Janette Quinn  
B.Ed (Hons)  
NPQH

### Important Upcoming Events

#### Year 6 Consultations

Thank you to everybody who has already attended Year 6 Consultation Meetings. If you have not already made an appointment please sign up by going on the parents evening website:

<https://barhill.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

- Tuesday 24th April 4.30-5.30pm
- Thursday 26th April 3.30-5.00pm (ST only)

- Friday 27th April 4.00-5.30pm
- Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Phonics Screening Check meeting for Year 1 parents (3:30 – 4:00pm)
- Week Commencing 15/05/18 – Year 6 SATs
- Fun Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Afterschool
- Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Assessments
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day
- International Week – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Drama workshops from visiting company (during the school day) - Infants
- Throughout May – Year 2 SATs
- Middles – Wicken Fen Trip (more details coming soon)
- Year 6 Prom – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Changeover Day and Open Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- End Year Disco – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Thank you

Well done to the school for beating our target of £500 by raising £809.04 for the children in Atewasi. A wonderful show of love!



This will help in supplying water cleansing equipment, to provide clean water for the children in Atewasi.



Please see the parent mail sent on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 detailing the supplies the Week's family would like to gather to take to Atewase. We would like to thank everyone who has already brought in donations. Please bring any donations to the school office.

### Year 3 Science Enrichment Activities – Summer Term 2018

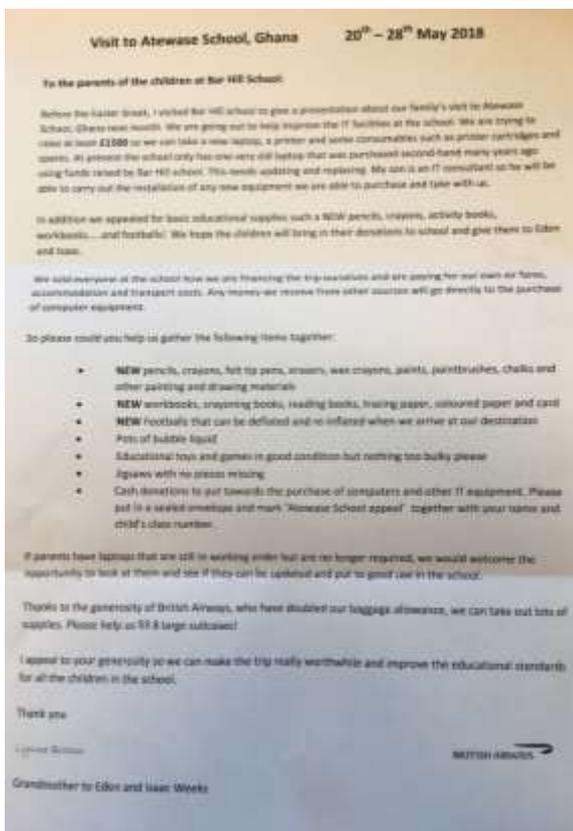
#### Duxford Imperial War Museum – STEM focus

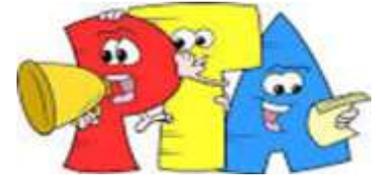
The children in Year 3 visited Duxford Imperial War Museum to inspire an interest in STEM via fun and engaging learning opportunities, to explore the STEM solutions to the challenges of flight in different environments and to see change over time. The children showed excellent responsibility and respect during the trip, which was positively commented upon by several members of the public and museum staff.

Please see the 'Facebook Section' for more Duxford trip photos.



## Visit to Atewase School in May 2018





## 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

## Brooke Street Band

We were lucky enough to enjoy a visit from the Brooke Street Band. They are a small ensemble of musicians who specialise in playing music by Handel. They taught us some interesting facts about his life and performed some of his music for us. It was so inspiring to see watch such accomplished musicians and great to see them play instruments we wouldn't usually see being played. Year 5 and 6 then took part in some workshops in class groups to delve further into the music. It was a lovely way to start the term!



### 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)

## 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%              |
| 26/02/2018            | Class 5         | 98%               |
| 05/03/2018            | Class 5         | 98%               |
| 12/03/2018            | Class 1,4,9     | 100%, 100%, 100%  |
| 19/03/2018            | Class 3,4,6     | 100%, 100%, 100%  |
| 26/03/2018            | Class 7         | 99%               |

## 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 'Recommended Reading Lists' on the school website under 'Year Groups and Our Teams'.



### DRUM LESSONS

Dear Parents

We are very pleased to now be able to offer drum lessons in school.

**COST:**

Individual: £8 per week

Paired: £4 per week (the teacher will be able to pair children of a similar ability)

Teaching these lessons will be professional drum teacher, Tom Relihan. Not only has

Tom toured globally as a session drummer; he has also appeared on chart topping singles and albums.

For more details and to book a place, please contact Tom directly on:

[tomrelihan@gmx.com](mailto:tomrelihan@gmx.com)

Mrs Russell

Head of Music

## 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](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.

## 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.

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

### Understanding Challenging Behaviour (3-11yrs)

Thursday 3rd May 10-11.30

### Screen Time Battles (4 -14 yrs)

Thursday 17th May 10-11.30

Swavesey Village College

Gibraltar Lane

Swavesey CB24 4RS

Booking essential 01954 286012  
districtearlyhelpteam.southcambs@

cambridgeshire.gov.uk



## Important Events from Our School Facebook Page

### Year 3 Science Enrichment Activities – Summer Term 2018

### Duxford Imperial War Museum – STEM focus



## September 2017 – July 2018

### 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

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| 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

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| 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

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|-------------------|---|
| 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)              |