



Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Tolu Kazeem, Tilly Pope, Abi Tod and Charles Bennett who were super stars on Thursday and won the Mathematics challenge heat! This means they are now through to the final! They had to work as a team to answer a diverse range of challenging mathematical questions. We are very proud of them - they worked brilliantly together as a team and approached each mathematics challenge with confidence. It is also testament to the high quality mathematic teaching!

On Saturday I had the opportunity to listen to Will Gompertz, at a conference. He spoke about the importance of creativity, of being able to work as a team, of being good problem solvers and of being able to ask relevant questions in order to experience success in the future. These are all things that we feel is important at Bar Hill and things that our children at Bar Hill do well. I am sure that this is why our children consistently attain above national expectations.

This half term we are busy with assessments. The Year Sixes have had their Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's) The Year Twos are in the process of doing their SAT's this month and Year One children have their phonics test. The children are demonstrating resilience and doing their best.

It is not long before Isaac and Eden will be visiting Atewase School. Thank you for all the donations of stationary and for participating in the colouring competition. We look forward to hearing all about our sister school when they return.

This morning we started our assembly with some high quality drummers. We took a moment to reflect on the fact that some things we find easy at school and some things we have to work at. We

also talk about the great sense of achievement we feel when we persevere and succeed.

Leon, Joe, Max and Tim from year five have been persevering to learn the Ocarina; they performed to the school during our assembly. Abi played the guitar. Bar Hill certainly has talent!

Reception have been learning about the royal wedding and enjoyed their wedding celebrations this morning. Thank you to all the parents who provided food and appropriate clothes. A great time was had by all.

I wish you a happy weekend.

Best wishes

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Important Upcoming Events

- Fun Day – Friday 8th June 2018 – Afterschool
- Week Beginning 11th June – Year 1 Phonics Assessments
- 14th June – Sports day
- International Week – 18th June 2018
- 19th 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 14th July 2018
- Changeover Day and Open Evening – Thursday 19th July
- End Year Disco – Friday 20th July 2018

Deaf Awareness Week By Lily Tanner – Year 5

Our class had Kate Hopkins from the Cambridgeshire Hearing Hub come to speak to us about Dear Awareness.

We learnt about how deaf people communicate with others, so that they can talk and hear faster and better.

This is how you sign my name Lily.

'L' - you put one finger on the other hand

'I' - pat one finger once on the others hand with the middle finger, you then repeat the

'L' - repeat as above for 'L'

'Y' - You please you finger between the first two fingers and that is how you spell my name 'Lily'.

Congratulations – Year 5

Congratulations to Year 5 for competing in the Maths Challenge and coming first. They will now be going through to the next rounds.



MINDSPORTS

A Friday Night Club for Year 6 Student

The Octagon

3:15pm to 4:30pm

September 2018

(Taster Sessions June & July 2018)

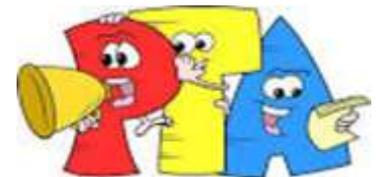
Mindsports is a club that utilises game playing as a way of engaging children in learning the values of winning and losing well. Through the use of board games and team building games and challenges we aim to develop strategies and skills which are transferable into everyday life situations.

COOPERATIVE COMPETITION

Competition literally means 'to search or strive for something of value or excellence together'. It is a process where competitors work together or with each other to bring out the best of themselves through a challenge. Competition is not simply about winning or losing, but is an opportunity for competitors to realize their fullest potential. This cooperative sense of competition is a value-driven process that leads to respect for others, personal and team integrity, and justice and fairness.

We will be running two taster sessions later this term when some of the year 6 students who have been part of the club this year will share something of what they have played and learned. Class teachers will be sending out invitations to the taster sessions to year 5 students who they believe would benefit from attending Mindsports.

The taster sessions will take place on Friday 15th of June and Friday 6th of July



PTA Fundraising News

PTA Fun day

When - Friday 8th June

Time - 3-6pm

Where - Bar Hill school field

The following activities will be here:

- Ice cream truck
- Trampolines

Guess the teddy's name

Free for all bouncy castles - lots of fun!

Come and buy a GIANT sunflowers for a competition - awesome prizes to be won

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

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%
16/04/2018	Class 6,8,10,11	99%
23/04/2018	Class 13	100%
30/04/2018	Class 13	100%
07/05/2018	Class 4,6,10	98%

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.

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.

Important Events from Our School Facebook Page

Reception loving space theme. Using rockets to count down, writing about aliens, producing creative work on planets, making our own rockets and think what it feels like for an astronaut to write.



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

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September 2017 – July 2018

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)

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)