



Thursday 3rd May 2018



Heads up!

On Monday we welcomed an inspirational athlete to Barton Hill Academy. Katrina Hart was born with Cerebral Palsy, yet she went on to become a successful British athlete – competing in the 2008 and 2012 Paralympics for the British athletics team as well as the 2010 Commonwealth Games. During her visit, Katrina led a motivational assembly (alongside our P.E Leader, Mr. Kupai) and a sponsored “circuit” training event for pupils and staff of all ages. Due partly to the range of exercises and the sheer adrenaline rush involved, it is fair to say that everyone had a fantastic time getting active. The event was also a welcomed fundraiser for a good cause (see below). We thank Katrina and all sponsors for supporting us and hope that more children will now see and enjoy the benefits of regular exercise. With SATs and end of term assessments on the horizon, please remember: “A healthy body promotes a healthy mind”.

Sponsorship Returns

Further to Katrina’s visit, please ensure that sponsorship forms and money is delivered to the school office before Monday 7th May.

As the sponsorship form and website (below) explains, much of the money that is raised will be used to buy sports equipment for the school, while also supporting GB athletes.

www.sportsforschools.org/event/BS929

SATs Weeks

The dates for our testing period for Year 2 and Year 6 children are as follows:

Year 2: Monday 7th May – Friday 18th May

Year 6: Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May.

If you have children in these year groups, it is really important that alongside daily exercise, they are also getting plenty of sleep to perform at their best. In order to further support our pupils, we will be offering a SATs breakfast to encourage healthy eating and a relaxed, steady start to the day. We wish all our pupils the very best of luck- not that they need it!

Ramadan

Ramadan is due to begin on Tuesday 15th May. Just a reminder that if you want to give permission for your child(ren) to fast during Ramadan, you must come to the office and give us some official notice regarding this.

Parent Forums

Parent Forums are being held in Terms 5 and 6. These take place in the Family Room at 9:00am on Wednesday's (unless otherwise stated). If you wish to attend, please come to the main office once you have delivered your children to school. Please note that the final remaining sessions for term 5 is as follows:

Wednesday 9th May – attendance & applying for holidays

Outdoor areas

We are currently beginning the process of developing some of our outdoor areas. Watch out for the new developments so we can all enjoy using these spaces once they are completed.

After school clubs

There have been a few behaviour issues at some of our clubs in recent weeks. Please be aware that if children continue to behave inappropriately at these clubs then they may be asked not to come to after school clubs in future.

Litter Flash Mob

Thanks to the parents that attended the Litter Flash Mob last Friday. They worked extremely hard to clear the rubbish that had been dumped over the fences - we are sure parents and children have noticed the improvement along the Jarvis St. boundary. The school, and especially the caretaking staff, are working tirelessly to improve the outdoor environment, so keep a look out for more improvements coming up!

Breakfast Club

Don't forget our free breakfast club in the mornings from 8am. You can drop off your children for breakfast in the dining hall – parents are welcome to stay if they want to. We now have hot porridge on offer (for free) to combat the cold weather we have been experiencing!



Attendance and Lateness

Last week's attendance from Reception to year 6 was 95.8%. Well done to Jacaranda for 100% attendance! Remember, pupils who attend school consistently give themselves a better chance of success.

In terms of punctuality, please ensure that your children arrive to school on time. Children will receive a late mark if they present after 9am. Consistent lateness can result in a fixed penalty notice.



If you would like to discuss attendance and/or punctuality further, please contact Attendance manager Gayle Myring (0117) 9030407

e-Safety



Please keep a close watch on what your children are accessing online – if your child has access to Youtube please be aware that it's very easy for them to start watching one thing and click through to unpleasant content.

Dates for your diary

PE/Outdoor Learning Week	Term 5: 21st May 2018
Arts Week	Term 6: 11th June 2018

Uniform

We had quite a few children without PE kits this week. If the children bring their kit on a Monday then they can use it during the week and take it home on a Friday. That way we know the children will always have a change of clothes ready for any PE that takes place.



Term dates

Term 5 ends Friday 25th May

Term 6 starts Monday 4th June

Term 6 ends Friday 20th July

School will close after afternoon registration on Friday the 20th July, children will need to be collected at 1.30pm.

Family Drop In sessions for Parents/Carers and Children under 5 years Play and learn together

Monday 9.30-11.30am

Family drop in - Free-play

Tuesday 1.00 -3.00pm

Family drop in - Story Telling and singing

Wednesday 1.00 -3.00pm

Family drop in - babies 0-23 months only

Thursday 9.30 - 11.30am

Family Drop In - Tactile play & crafts

Thursday 1.00 - 2.45pm

Parents in Partnership Group & free Crèche

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