



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Term 1



### Heads up!

We are nearly at the end of week 6, another busy one! All staff and children are working very hard to make sure the learning is high quality and fun. A part of the learning is school trips, these are planned to link to what the children are taught and to be enjoyable experiences. There is a cost for trips which parents/carers are asked to pay, using Parentpay. This is a new system and can be difficult if you are new to it, if you need help with it please ask at the school office.

Sadly, a school trip had to be cancelled this week because many parents/carers had not paid. This was a real shame. Some parents may be wondering whether school will pay for trips if they don't send in the money – the answer is no. The school receives funding, pupil premium funding, which is partly used to bring down the cost of school trips. Below is a table which shows how we use pupil premium funding to improve learning outcomes for the children:

Pupil Premium Initiative	Percentage of funding spent
In Class support – More teachers allowing for lower class sizes, targeted teaching support, focused interventions	46%
Additional Teaching support – EAL support, SEN support, Nurture support	48%
Money to reduce costs of trips	3%

Extended school time – Breakfast club, After school club	1%
Attendance Management	2%

As you can see, most of the money is used to support the learning of the children. If you have any questions about this, please ask your child's teacher or a senior member of staff.

### Mayor's message

**Mrs Tovey received an email from the mayor recently:-**

*I write regarding a fun filled Halloween Half term activity which I am hosting at my official residence, the Mansion House, Canynge Rd, Clifton, BS8 3LJ.*

*At 1600 on Wednesday 31 October, the Lady Mayoress and I will open the doors to our beautiful Victorian mansion for spooky story-telling, games and a fancy dress competition.*

*This is a fabulous opportunity to visit one of Bristol's secret (and spooky!) gems. We have **30** places available, which will be allocated on a first come first basis should be booked early to avoid disappointment. Children must be accompanied by an adult (strictly limited to one place). Bookings should be made via [lordmayor@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:lordmayor@bristol.gov.uk).*

This sounds like an exciting opportunity! Hopefully some of our Barton Hill children (and parents) will be able to join in with the fun!

### Term 1 Parent Forums

We have been very pleased with the support of parents for our parent forum meetings. As many of you will be aware, parent forums take place in the Family Room at 9:00am on Wednesday's (unless otherwise stated). If you wish to attend, please visit the main office once you have delivered your children to school. Other forums for this term are:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: English & Reading

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Maths

**This weeks family forum was RE (religious education)- thank you to all the parents who took part in this. Next week we will provide clear guidelines for pupil visits to places of worship, this will include information about what children will and won't be asked to do. Watch this space!**





Mrs. Tovey  
Principal



Mr. Ford  
Vice Principal



Mrs. Kent  
Vice Principal



Mr. Turner  
Assistant Principal



Mr. Candy  
SEND Lead

The Leadership Team are available on the playground at the beginning of each day so please come and see us if you need help with anything or indeed just a chat!

### Reading café

Another initiative we have been very pleased about is the Reading Café. Parents have been invited to come in at this time to listen to your children read with the support of Miss Wilkey (Reading Champion Teacher) and Miss Carty (Our English as an Additional Language Teaching Assistant). They have been able to have a drink and a snack and listen to their child read. We have been delighted with the number of parents who have come to the reading café and enjoyed this special time with their child, thank you to those parents/carers, we hope you enjoyed it too! **Next week Year 6 parents/carers are invited.**

If you are able to come along, please come to Reception/the office at 10.45 and we will take you to the reading café to meet your child. Further reading café sessions are:

For parents with children in Year 6	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
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**We are also planning a Reading café session for Nursery – watch this space!**

### 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) which is a fantastic start to the day!



### Website Access

Just a reminder that our school website is up and running and that it is the best place to find information about the school including newsletters, notices and homework for your children.

Our school website is <http://www.bartonhillbristol.org/> There is also an app for your phones that you can download to get the latest notices and information. If you search for School Connect – Cleverbox in the app stores you can download the app and follow the instructions.

### e-Safety

**You Tube** 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. Additionally, we attach important information about the video game "Fortnite", near to the foot of this newsletter.

### Term dates

Term 1 ends Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Term 2 starts Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Term 2 ends Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Term 3 starts Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Term 3 ends Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Term 4 starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Term 4 ends Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 5 starts Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Term 5 ends Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 6 starts Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Term 6 ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm

### INSET

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April (Bank Holiday)  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> –Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> June



# An introduction to ICT

**Day** Fridays

**Time** 9.30 to 11.30

**Dates** 21.09.18-26.10.18

On this 6 week course you will learn how to:

- Use a mouse & keyboard to enter text, numbers, special characters
- Use a spell checker to identify and correct spelling/grammar mistakes
- Discuss the benefits of being online
- Use a search engine to find information online
- Create a strong password to protect an online account
- Send, reply and forward an email message
- Send an email attachment



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Dear families/ carers,

At Barton Hill we value and cherish the fact that we have such a wonderful, diverse community. It is really important for all of us to listen to each other and learn about all of our faiths and cultures.

This takes place in many parts of our curriculum and especially our R.E curriculum where all our children have the chance to learn about everyone's beliefs. Through this we find common ground and understanding.

As part of British Values, we learn about tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. This is a statutory part of our curriculum and an invaluable way for our children to work together and understanding each other.

The detail of our curriculum is on the website or you may ask at the office for further clarification. We hope you will support us in this.

If you wish to discuss this further, please see your child's teacher or Mr. Ford who leads on our curriculum.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Emma Tovey  
Principal