



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Term 2



### Heads up!

This week has been another busy week at Barton Hill Academy with a number of year groups going on educational visits throughout the week. We started the week looking at Anti-Bullying with Mrs Fahmi in assembly and the key message of the assembly was to respect each and to make a positive choice to do this. We have seen huge improvements in our children's behaviour lately so we know that this message about respect is making a big difference.

Some of you may have heard the news that one of our senior leaders is leaving the school this week. Mr Turner has been with us over the last three years and is moving back to New Zealand with his family. Whilst it is sad to see one of our influential leaders leaving the school we are excited for Mr Turner and his family and wish them all the very best in the future. Mr Turner will start a new position at Whitau School in Christchurch at the end of January and we know they are very lucky to have him. He would like to acknowledge all the wonderful students, staff and families that he has worked with during his time at Barton Hill Academy and thanks everyone for their continual support of the school.

Also just a gentle reminder that school is closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for an inset day.

## Parent Pay

**Thank you to the parents who have now signed up on ParentPay – we now have over 75% of parents/carers on board.**



Don't forget that you must now book meals a week in advance, otherwise your child will be given the vegetarian option. You can do this by logging onto ParentPay up until midnight the Sunday for the following week. Parents can book meals for a half term at a time if they want to – please ask in the office if you have problems with ParentPay or booking school meals, we are happy to help.

Just a reminder - It will no longer be possible to incur a school meal debt for your child (previous debts have been carried forward onto Parentpay). If you are not entitled to free school meals and haven't paid, your child will not receive a meal.

## Parent Forums

This terms parent forums are as follows:

Wednesday 21st November: Emotional well being support

Wednesday 28th November: Parent Open Morning

Wednesday 5th December: No forum

Wednesday 12th December: Academy Improvement Update

## Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising is a website that will send money back to the school for any online purchases you make. All you have to do is sign up to Easy Fundraising and support 'Barton Hill Academy' and then you go through the website to make your purchases on Amazon or Booking.com or many other retailers. After you have made your purchase a small part of what the retailer makes will come back to our school so that we can use it to buy resources for the school. This will cost you nothing extra but can bring in a lot of funding for the school.

## School Applications

### Applications for Nursery/Reception

We are very proud and excited about our Nursery and Reception classes – including our fantastic new treehouse and Reception outside area. We are very happy to help with school applications - please see any member of SLT, Nursery/Reception staff or the school office if you are interested.

### Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The deadline to apply for Secondary Schools for next year is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. You can apply via the council website on this link - <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>

## Homework

Homework can be found on the school website at the end of each week. Please talk to your children about where to find this on the website – they have been taught by their teacher. This week at the

Parent Forum parents learnt about Mirodo which is how Year 3-6 will implement their homework form now on. It is an internet based programme where teachers can see the homework based on what is being taught in class. Look out for a letter with your child's name on it coming home next week.

### Parent Classes

We still have places for parents and carers on the free Family Fortunes course. This course will help you learn positive money habits and how to save money while having fun together. The course is on Wednesdays from 10.00 - 12.30, for 5 weeks, starting 14th November. Sign up at the office!

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. Food is available from 8:00-8:30am. 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



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.

### Term dates

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

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

# Beginner English class For parents and carers

Barton Hill Academy

Tuesdays 9.15-11.15  
Starts: 20th November

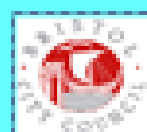
Only 10 places!  
Sign up at the school office



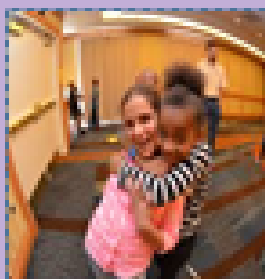
Improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English to help you in everyday situations:

- going to the doctors
- speaking to your child's teacher
- explaining problems in your house
- asking for directions
- looking for work and others

For more information tel: Edwina 07825315820



**A FREE 5 week Family Fortunes course for families with children age 7 - 11  
Barton Hill Academy**



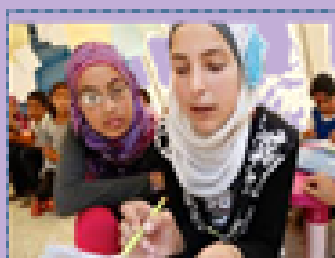
**Wednesdays 10.00—12.30**

**14th November – 12th December**

On the course you will learn:

- How to help your child with fun family maths activities
- How to save money on essential family expenditure

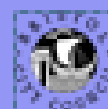
If you are interested, please sign up at the school office



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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