



Thursday 18th October 2018 Term 1



Heads up!

Another very busy term is quickly coming to the end with only one week left to go. It has been a busy term that has been extremely productive for the school and hugely successful. There are a lot of notices this week so please read them all carefully so you don't miss any vital information.

Parent Pay

All parents/carers must sign up to ParentPay for their child/ren. There are still 46% of parents who are yet to sign-up!

On Mon 22nd October (last week of term) we will be going fully live with this system. If you have not signed up then your child/ren may miss out on important educational trips that have not been paid for.

only applicable if you have not signed up before this date - it will also mean that if your child has school meals, we will not be aware of it. This is because the list that is produced will now come from information you have provided to us, and not information that we ask your child.

In this instance, Key Stage One (UIFSM) children who normally have a school meal would then receive the vegetarian meal option only.

Key Stage Two - if your child is not entitled to free school meals, the office will call you as soon as they can and ask that you bring in a packed lunch for your child.

If your child has free school meal entitlement, they would also receive the vegetarian option only.

Don't forget that you must now book meals a week in advance, rather than up until midnight the day before. For example: you have until midnight on Sunday (21/10) to choose for the following week (22nd Oct).

If you have not selected meal choices, your child will receive the vegetarian option only.

For your information - jacket potatoes have now been added as an option to the menu.

Also please be advised that yoghurt and fruit are always offered as an alternative to the main pudding - you can now also select this as a menu option.

If your child has an allergy that we are aware of, in some instances your child may be given a different option to the one they have chosen through ParentPay. This will be because their original chosen option contains allergens.

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 have not paid, your child will not receive a meal.

Please, please see the office if you have any queries and we can resolve these for you in advance.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. We expect to encounter more issues when we go fully live but we will endeavour to iron these out as soon as possible.

Data

We have had some really pleasing results in the last 12 months in regards to our National SATs data. This information is one of the main ways our school performance is measured so it is incredibly important that we make improvements each year for this data. Below is a table which shows how we achieved in the assessments in 2017 vs 2018 against the national averages. We are closing the gap to the national averages that we have all been working so hard to achieve. Well done to everyone in the academy for the success over the last 12 months.

2017	National Average % 2017	Barton Hill Academy % 2017	Difference %
Reading	71	43	-28
Writing	76	68	-8
Maths	75	50	-25
Combined	61	30	-31
2018	National Average % 2018	Barton Hill Academy % 2018	Difference %
Reading	75	68	-7
Writing	78	71	-7
Maths	76	71	-5

Combined	64	57	-7
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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 24th October: Maths



Parent Conduct

Recently there have been one or two issues with parents and their behaviour towards staff. Please remember to be respectful and polite at all times so that we can help you in any way that we can. Any parent that is displaying an abusive attitude towards staff will be banned from the school site.

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!



Mrs. Tovey
Principal



Mr. Ford
Vice Principal



Mrs. Kent
Vice Principal



Mr. Turner
Assistant Principal



Mr. Candy
SEND Lead

School Applications

Applications for Nursery/Reception

Please see any member of SLT, Nursery/Reception staff or the school office if you need an application form for a child to enter our Nursery or Reception.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The deadline to apply for Secondary Schools for next year is October 31st 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.

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!

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 3 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 3	Thursday 25 th October
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We are also planning a Reading café session for Nursery – watch this space!

Halloween Disco

Please come and support this Friends of Barton Hill fundraiser. You can get tickets from the school office. This is on Thursday 25th October, 3:45-4:45pm for Reception to Year 2 children, 5:00-6:15pm for Year 3-6 children.

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

INSET

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



Beginner English class For parents and carers

Barton Hill Academy

Tuesdays 9.15-11.15
Starts: 20th November

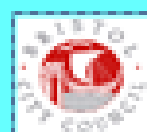
Only 10 places!
Sign up at the school office



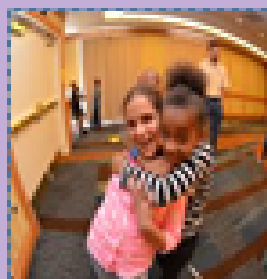
Improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English to help you in everyday situations:

- 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

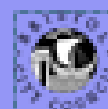
If you are interested, please sign up at the school office



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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