



Thursday 20th September 2018 Term 1



Heads up!

Welcome to Week 3! First off we have to say a huge thank you to all of you parents who have turned out this week to find out information about your child's year group and also how the school has progressed over the last 12 months. We have been extremely pleased to see so many parents turning up to these meetings as it allows us to spread a consistent message across the school. If you have attended one of these meetings you will have received a home-school agreement. Is it important that these come back to school as soon as possible please.

This week has been global week where our children have been looking at a variety of countries and cultures. In particular we have had some African Drumming workshops taking place across the academy and this will contribute to a performance for Year 4-6 on Friday 21st September at 2:45pm. Please come to the office if you wish to attend. Be aware also that if you are attending the Year 4 Parent Information meeting that this starts at 2:10pm and then will be finished in time to attend the performance at 2:45pm.



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!

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Football and coloured trainers are not suitable. Children must have black shoes please. We now have hijabs available from the school office. They must be shoulder length plain black, white or red with no sparkles. Please refer to the attached Uniform Policy.

We have had some issues lately regarding modesty of some uniforms. Please can you ensure school dresses and skirts are an appropriate length for school. This is also in regards to our non-uniform days at school.

PE kit must be red or white plain T-shirts, Black shorts or leggings and trainers or plimsolls (football boots for the field only as necessary)

Hijabs now for sale - £2.49 each.

Two sizes available:

Baby available in black and red. Only suitable for Nursery.

Normal available in black, red and white.

Here is the link to the Tesco uniform shop for branded polo shirts, sweatshirts and book bags:

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/barton-hill-academy/5916.school>



RE Curriculum letter

Attached to this newsletter is a letter to parents regarding Religious Education. Please read through the letter and if you wish to speak to someone regarding this please contact your class teacher or Mr Ford.

Playground behaviour

Just a reminder to all parents and caregivers to not use mobile phones in our school grounds when dropping off or picking up children. This is to protect all of our children and families and ensure we have a safe school environment.

After school clubs

Here is a list of clubs for this term.

Tuesday:

KS1 Multisports

KS2 football

Wednesday:

KS1 football

KS2 hockey

Thursday:

KS2 music

KS2 Dance

KS1 drawing

A clubs letter will be coming out this week with further information about the clubs and how you can sign up the children to take part.

Term 1 Parent Forums

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.



The forums for term 1 are as follows:

Wednesday 26th September: Home Learning

Wednesday 3rd October: Behaviour

Wednesday 10th October: Discovery R.E

Wednesday 17th October: English & Reading

Wednesday 24th October: Maths

Pupil Premium

If you have not yet filled out the permission form for the office staff to apply for Pupil premium funding, you will be receiving a letter with a return slip which will need to be returned to your class teacher. We would like to apply for this important funding on behalf of all our pupils. If you need help with the form or have lost the form, please see the office staff.

Pupil Premium money is used to benefit every child whose parents qualify for the bursary. Everyone can apply for this for each child that they have. There is a simple assessment carried out and if you are successful, the school will receive an amount of money to be used for the support of your child's learning. The total amount can be thousands of pounds of extra money to be spent on our children

Litter

We are proud of our school and it is all of our responsibility to look after our environment. Please talk to your children about the importance of using the litter bins provided. Please make sure that any wrappers from food or drink they consume with you before or after school is disposed of appropriately and not dropped on the floor.



Spitting and hygiene

One of the school values that we teach at school is that of RESPECT. Please could we ask ALL parents/carers to show respect for each other and our pupils by refraining from spitting. Not only is this a poor example to our pupils, but it is also not pleasant or hygienic for anyone who should come into contact with

Parent Information Meetings

In order to discuss key information for the school year, we have booked in parent information meetings at 2.30pm on the following dates:

Fri 21st September Year 4 – **This meeting now begins at 2:10pm**
Mon 24th September Year 5
Tue 25th September Year 6

The following information meetings will be held at 9am

Wed 26^h September Nursery
Thurs 27st September Nursery

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!



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 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



Book Café @ Barton Hill Academy

Every Thursday - Term 1

10.45-11.45 @ Cedar Tree Room

You are 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)

You will be able to have a drink and a snack and listen to your child read.

Please come to Reception/the office at 10.45 and we will come and meet you! Please check the timetable below!

Book Café Timetable

For parents with children in Year 1	Thursday 13th September
For parents with children in Year 2	Thursday 20th September
For parents with children in Year 3	Thursday 27th September
For parents with children in Year 4	Thursday 4th October
For parents with children in Year 5	Thursday 11th October
For parents with children in Year 6	Thursday 18th October

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