



Thursday 22nd November 2018 Term 2



Heads up!

This week's Monday assembly focus was that of RESPECT. Respect is an overarching school value and crucial school value which we revisit frequently in order to be the best that we can be. Being respectful covers a great many behaviours but generally involves us thinking about the feelings and rights of others, before our own. We would like pupils to focus on greeting people with respect, respecting others through effective listening in class (and out) and talking to people in a pleasant way - preferably with a calm manner.

In other news....On Wednesday, we had a visit from author Robin Price. Mr. Price shared his historical story books which look at The Vikings in a fun and imaginative way. Afterwards our pupils thoroughly enjoyed being supported to write their own creative stories. With lots of pupils showing a real interest in history, they will be pleased to know that History Week begins next week on Monday 26th November with a focus on WW1. Watch this space!

Finally, a massive "Thank you!" to all of the parents and carers who attended our Parent Open morning on Friday 16th November. We're sure that we broke all attendance records and our staff and pupils were delighted to see your support! Please remember that pupils are not in school tomorrow (Friday 23rd November) as it is INSET day, but we look forward to welcoming you (respectfully!) through our school gates again on Monday. Have a fantastic weekend.

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 28th November: Parent Open Morning

Wednesday 5th December: No forum

Wednesday 12th December: Academy Improvement Update

Nursery News!

A note for your diaries... On Thursday 6th December, we will be hosting a Nursery Open morning between 9am and 10am. Parents with pupils in Nursery are welcome to come in and see their children in action. We would also like to encourage prospective parents/carers (with children who will be of nursery age in 2019). Please help us by spreading the word!



Reception and Nursery Nativity Performance

As we progress through term 2, please could you make another note in your diaries for our Reception & Nursery nativity performances:

A morning performance will be shown at 9.30am on Wednesday 12th December. The afternoon performance will be held on Friday 14th December at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you and in the meantime, we will be putting in a lot of hard work to make our costumes and perfect our singing!

Thank you



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 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. 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 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

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

Beginner English class For parents and carers

Barton Hill Academy

Tuesdays 9.15-11.15
Starts: 20th November

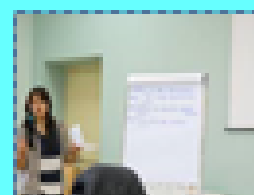
Only 10 places!
Sign up at the school office



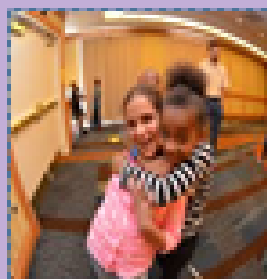
Improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English to help you in everyday situations:

- 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

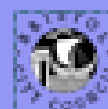
If you are interested, please sign up at the school office



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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