



Thursday 25th October 2018 Term 1



Heads up!

As we arrive at the end of term, I would like to thank all parents/carers, pupils and staff for their hard work. It has been another productive term and as a school, we are delighted with our progress. Next term we will continue to prioritise the development of our broad and enriching curriculum with lots of exciting things happening. Our pupils have been learning to understand different faiths/religions through the Discovery R.E scheme, they have been learning specific computing skills through the SGFL scheme and next term we will introduce Spanish as a Modern Foreign Language (MFL). We are particularly excited about this and we know our pupils are going to enthuse about learning another language.

In term 2, please remember to join us for Family Learning Conferences and for the Parent Open afternoon on Friday 21st December (final day of term 2). The Parent Open Afternoon will be an ideal opportunity to view and celebrate your child's Theme/Curriculum learning from across the term.

Have a wonderful and restful holiday one and all!

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

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!

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



Book Café @ Barton Hill Academy

Every Thursday - Term 2

10.45-11.30 @ The Main Hall

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

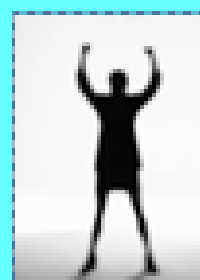
For parents with children in Year 1	Thursday 8 th November
For parents with children in Year 2	Thursday 15 th November
For parents with children in Year 3	Thursday 22 nd November
For parents with children in Year 4	Thursday 29 th November
For parents with children in Year 5	Thursday 6 th December
For parents with children in Year 6	Thursday 13 th December

Beginner English class For parents and carers

Barton Hill Academy

Tuesdays 9.15-11.15
Starts: 20th November

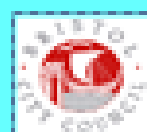
Only 10 places!
Sign up at the school office



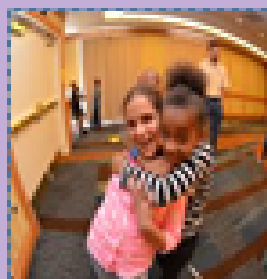
Improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English to help you in everyday situations:

- 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

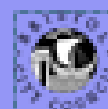
If you are interested, please sign up at the school office



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**Skills
Funding
Agency**

**For more information
Contact:
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**Learning
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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