



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Term 1



### Heads up!

Last week Mr. Turner led an assembly about “Success” and we even had a visit from the Mayor of Bristol – Marvin Rees. Mr. Rees discussed his successful career journey and the importance of communication and writing, before taking a tour of our school. He was particularly impressed with the development of our external grounds and rising standards in teaching and learning throughout our school. We thank him for his support and encouragement!

Following on from last week’s message about success, we notice that lots of pupils have come to Senior Leaders to share Outstanding written work. As always, we are only too delighted to reward success with a handshake/ a high five, a verbal “pat on the back” and of course, stickers! However, we are particularly impressed when a pupil can clearly articulate progress. For example, “I can now use fronted adverbials in my writing in order to...” is even more impressive than, “I presented my work neatly” or “I wrote a lot”. Please help us to challenge all pupils to reflect deeply on their learning by asking your child/ren to explain their achievements and to share their next steps. Please also remind pupils that if they can develop a high level of communication through use of language, one of them may even be a future Mayor of Bristol!

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mayor "Marvin Rees" enjoying time with Year 6 pupils and their sports coaches.



### Senior Leadership Team Support & Keeping Children Safe

To all parents/carers, please could we politely request that you look after your children and keep a close eye on them during the morning drop off and after-school collection. Pupils who are dropped off to classrooms become our responsibility from 8.50am. There have been a couple of recent incidents where young children who don't attend the school, have tried to run off and caused concern for all of us. Thank you for understanding.

### Stranger Danger

If we have any other concerns such as "stranger, danger" during school hours, all parents will be notified. We have a close working relationship with the local police so if you have anything you need to share, please let us know. In order to keep all of our children safe, please be aware that only Y5 and Y6 pupils with written consent/permission will be allowed to walk home independently.



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!

## 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. Next week's forum will be about Religious Education, led by Mr Ford and Miss Ali. This is a particularly interesting topic so please do attend and discuss any concerns or queries you have. Other forums for this term are:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Discovery R.E

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: English & Reading

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Maths



## 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 5 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 5	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
For parents with children in Year 6	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October

**We are also planning a Reading café session for Nursery – watch this space!**

## PE KIT

### An important reminder...

Please can pupils bring P.E kit into school at the beginning of the week and only take it home at the end of the week. This will reduce the potential for pupils to miss P.E. sessions. "A healthy body encourages a healthy mind".



## 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

 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 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Term 2 starts Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
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

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov  
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



# 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