



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July



### Heads up!

As the academic year draws to a close, we reflect on what has been an amazing year for Barton Hill Academy. This has also been a year of change. Since September, we have strengthened our leadership team through the recruitment of two permanent Vice Principals and a new Principal. The team is making a difference. Six newly qualified teachers (NQTs) have been supported to successfully complete their NQT year whilst a mixture of new support staff and experienced teachers have been successfully inducted into the school. Our subject leaders are now being coached to lead positive change and all of our staff are now receiving high quality development training. As a result, the number of teachers reaching our expected standards has doubled and pupil progress and attainment has risen across the school. To highlight one key example, this year's Y6 SATs results for the expected standard (Reading, Writing and Maths combined) have almost doubled.

As headteacher I would like to thank each and every one of our staff for their truly remarkable contribution this year. Thanks must also be extended to The Friends of Barton Hill. Last weekend's Barton Hill Carnival was a huge success with a wonderful turnout, high profits and most importantly, lots of happy faces!

Finally, please allow me to thank parents/carers, supporter and indeed our pupils, for the massive part you have all played in helping us to make such fantastic progress. Together we can go on achieving! We have big plans for next year with on-going teaching and curriculum developments alongside improvements to the school grounds but in the meantime, please allow me this opportunity to wish all of our supporters a very happy and restful holiday. Thank you once again.

## Barton Hill Carnival

A message from The Friends of Barton Hill...

To all those who attended Saturday's Carnival, through your efforts and support, we managed to raise over £1 000 pounds for the school! All proceeds will of course be used to make the school an even better place for our young learners and in due course, we will share details about how we plan to invest the money. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you at the next school fundraiser.



## Sports Day

This year we were blessed with glorious sunshine for our KS1 Sports Day and not so much sunshine for KS2 the following day! Regardless, feedback from pupils and parents suggest that a fantastic time was had by all. Wales ended up being the overall winning house across both Sports Days and individual pupils took home medals for a variety of achievements including Fair Play. Thank you to all who attended, Mr. Kupai for organising and well done to all of our young competitors!



## School Reports

You should have received school reports yesterday. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance or a member of SLT if you are still unclear. For Year 6 children we will also include the results of their SATs assessments from May.

Thank you for all your support this year.

## School Camp at Croft Farm

A special "Thank you" to Mr. Roberts (Reception), Miss Fahmi, Miss Forkin and Miss Myring who all spent five days away from home to take a group of Y4, 5 and 6 pupils to Croft Farm. Although all campers returned a little bleary eyed, they certainly have many happy memories to take away from the experience!



## School Uniform

Please make sure your children have 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.

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>



Please could we make an additional plea to parents to attach permanent labels inside each item of school uniform and to check that their child is taking home his/her own uniform. Thank you.

### 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.



### Teachers2Parents text messaging service

There have recently been some changes to the way in which you receive text messages from the school.

Your messages used to come through as 'Barton Hill Academy' rather than from a phone number. Some phone companies had started to block these messages because they were treating them as spam texts due to them coming from an anonymous number. This meant that parents and carers were not receiving important messages.

The solution to this meant that messages were then coming through from a different mobile phone number each time. This caused some concern from parents.

However, the school has now allocated a phone number +447786201170, which all future school text messages should come from. Please save this number as Barton Hill Academy.

You should now be able to read all texts from us on one page as a conversation again.

All texts should still have 'BHA' at the start of the message and, if the character length of the text message allows, you will also receive a verification link to prove that the text has come from Barton Hill Academy (click on that link to show details).

Please advise the main office if you continue to have any issues and we will look into it.

## 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.

## School term dates

### **Term 6 ends Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

School will close after afternoon registration on Friday the 20th July, children will need to be collected at 1.30pm.

### Term 1 2018-2019

Please note that all pupil are due to return to school on **Wednesday 5th September**