



Thursday 19th April 2018



Heads up!

This week our school have been focussing on further developing positive relationships. For pupils, Miss Fahmi (our PSHE lead) delivered an assembly focussing on answering questions such as: What relationships are important to us? What makes relationship stronger? How do we make and keep friends and why is respect important? We also strengthened existing parent teacher relationships during recent Family Learning Conferences. These are clearly crucial - to show our pupils that they have a team of supporters. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended. Additionally, we held a highly successful Nursery & Reception Open Day for prospective pupils and parents. Congratulations to Miss Davies (Foundation Lead) for organising the event, her team (for supporting and providing important information and fun activities) and to all of the parents who gave up their free time to find more out about what makes Barton Hill Academy so special!

Litter Flash Mob

Some kind parents have offered to help clear the school site of litter on Friday at 2pm. We'd love more volunteers – could you give up an hour of your time to make our school look fantastic? Please come to the main office on Friday at 2pm.

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).



Punctuality & attendance

Please ensure that children arrive to school on time. Children will receive a late mark if they present after 9am. Consistent lateness can result in a fixed penalty notice.

If you would like to discuss attendance and/or punctuality further, please contact
Attendance manager Gayle Myring (0117) 9030407



e-Safety

YouTube 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.

Dates for your diary

PE/Outdoor Learning Week Term 5: 21st May 2018
Arts Week Term 6: 11th June 2018

School Uniform & Sunny Weather

During the Sunny weather, school uniform remains the same. Any sandals must be closed at the heel and toe – no backless shoes or open toes must be worn in the interests of safety. Please also remember to put Sun cream on your children on those rare but extremely sunny days!



We had quite a few children without PE kits this week. If the children bring their kit on a Monday then they can use it during the week and take it home on a Friday. That way we know the children will always have a change of clothes ready for any PE that takes place.

SATs, Ramadan & Fasting

Ramadan is due to begin on Tuesday 15th May which coincides with SATs week. It is important that pupils have plenty of rest and energy in order to focus on giving their very best. For this reason, only pupils with written permission will be allowed to fast.

As usually, in order to further support all pupils during SATs week, we will be offering a SATs breakfast. Thank you.

Parent Forums

Parent Forums are being held in Terms 5 and 6. These take place in the Family Room at 9:00am on the given day. If you wish to attend please come to the main office once you have delivered your children to school. Please note that the sessions run on Wednesday's

Term 5

Wednesday 25th April – school website communication (e.g. finding newsletters)

Wednesday 2nd May – SATs arrangements Y2 & Y6

Wednesday 9th May – attendance & applying for holidays

Parent Expectations

If you need support in the morning or afternoon out on the school playground, could you please see one of the senior leaders in the first instance. This will help all members of the school community to work together to provide a safe learning environment for our children. It is of the utmost importance to us that we prioritise the safety and well-being of our pupils above anything else. In addition, we must ask parents to refrain from spitting and swearing. Such actions can be highly provocative and set a poor example to our pupils. We see ourselves as role models and demonstrating the highest standards must begin with parents and staff working together.

Parent Open Mornings

On Friday 20th April we held another Open Morning for parents to observe learning in our classes. The next Open Morning will be in term 6 and will again run from 9.00am - 10.00am. Over the previous terms we have spent a 20 minute session in a classroom followed by a visit to the dining hall for some food and then another 20 minute session in another classroom of your choosing. Remember to come to the school office if you wish to visit classes and we hope to see you on the day.

Term 6 – Friday 15th June 2018

Term dates

Term 5 ends Friday 25th May

Term 6 starts Monday 4th June

Term 6 ends Friday 20th July

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

Family Drop In sessions for Parents/Carers and Children under 5 years Play and learn together

Monday 9.30-11.30am

Family drop in - Free-play

Tuesday 1.00 -3.00pm

Family drop in - Story Telling and singing

Wednesday 1.00 -3.00pm

Family drop in - babies 0-23 months only

Thursday 9.30 - 11.30am

Family Drop In - Tactile play & crafts

Thursday 1.00 - 2.45pm

Parents in Partnership Group & free Crèche

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