



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 13 December 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

95.19%

A BRILLIANT attendance this week! Thank you!! 😊

Sad Goodbyes



We would like to say a very sad goodbye to **Jo Rohan** (Keyworker) and **Mr O'Hare** (Y6 Key Worker). We will miss you both so much! We thank you both for all your hard work and dedication to our school and all you have done for the children. We would like to announce that Dr James will be moving to Y6 Giraffe class in January.

We know you will all join us in wishing Jo Rohan and Mr O'Hare the very best of luck in their future endeavours. We are confident that they will both continue to make a positive impact wherever their paths may lead.

Important Reminder: Parking Safety Outside School

The safety of our children is our top priority. We kindly remind all parents and caregivers to please **refrain from parking on double yellow lines or in the zig-zag areas outside the school.**

Parking illegally:

- **Obstructs traffic flow:** Making it difficult for buses and other vehicles to navigate safely.
- **Increases the risk of accidents:** For both children and pedestrians.
- **May result in fines and penalties:** Issued by local authorities.



We urge everyone to be mindful and considerate of others. Let's work together to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all children at our school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reporting Absence

Please remember we **do not use Weduc** any longer, we haven't had access to this for a long time. If you use Weduc for your reporting and we cannot get hold of you, your child will go down as having an unauthorised absence.

Please use Arbor to report all absences each day that your child is off. You can use the 'Log Absence' feature which is straight forward. Alternatively email office@barming.kent.sch.uk or phone the school office. Thank you.



Afterschool Club

Please note that all children must be collected from afterschool club by 6:00 PM each day.

Late collections beyond 6:00 PM will incur a fine.

Children are required to collect their belongings and put on their coats after the end of the club session. **If a parent/carer arrives exactly at 6:00 PM or after, it may take a few minutes for the child to be ready to leave, potentially resulting in a late collection.**



It is unfair to expect children to prepare to go home beforehand, as their collection time may vary. Furthermore, our afterschool club staff also have families and commitments to attend to. Thank you for your cooperation.

No Tailgating!



We would like to emphasise that vehicles are strictly prohibited from tailgating the school gates, and entry onto the school grounds requires prior authorisation. This policy is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, as unauthorised vehicles on school premises pose a significant safety risk.

Please do not drive onto the school grounds, especially at pick up and drop off times. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to these important safety guidelines.

Nurture

In Term 2, the nurture principle we will be looking at is **Nurture is Feeling Good on the Inside.**

An important element that helps us feel good, is when we feel great in our bodies as well as our minds. When we exercise or have a good laugh, our happy hormones start to flow a lot more. At Barming Primary School, we encourage the children to join in with sports, dance, aerobics, music, Forest School and many other fun activities to ensure those happy hormones are in full flow. Well done to all those who entered the Nurture competition!



Christmas!

Shop Safely at Christmas

Please do think about where you purchase your toys from.... some online marketplaces such as Shein, Temu, TikTok Shop etc can sell very cheap toys but they haven't had any safety checks.

If it looks too good to be true, then it probably is....



Don't Let Your Christmas Gifts Become Early Rubbish!



Let's face it, we've all been there: lured by the low price tag on a seemingly fun toy. But let's be real, those cheap toys often break faster than a gingerbread house on Christmas Day. Avoid the post-holiday disappointment and invest in quality toys that spark imagination and last longer than a sugar rush.

Remember, a happy child is a well-played-with child!

Important Phone Numbers this Christmas:

Childline: 0800 1111

Bereavement: 08088 081677

Samaritans: 116 123

SHOUT a 24/7 Text Service which is free for anyone in crisis: Text 85258

If you are at immediate risk, please do ring 999 and ask for the emergency service. **Stay SAFE this Christmas!**

Coping at Christmas

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.

 Crisis Team Mon-Sun 9am-12am Call 0800 136 3559 or 0151 293 3577	 NHS 111 Call 111 and select option 2 for mental health crisis	 Papyrus HOPELINE UK 24/7 0800 060 4141 Text 8524 or email pat@papyrus-uk.org	 Shout 24/7 support Text 85258	 Samaritans 24/7 support 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org	 YoungMinds 24/7 online support or Text YM to 85258
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Kent Police

Child Centred Policing Newsletter



**Kent
Police**

Contact email: childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk

Operation Chalkboard

Just a reminder for you on the use of operation chalkboard when calling Police. It relates to serious offences that require urgent assistance where:

- A serious incident occurs to a child on the way to or from school
- There are trespassers on school grounds who are posing a serious threat to pupils, staff or parents
- There are visitors to the school who are or are perceived to be posing a threat to pupils, staff or parents
- Any other incident occurs whereby there is an immediate risk to the physical safety of any person legitimately on school premises

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, always contact 999 for police assistance.

Christmas Holidays

Christmas brings lots of new gadgets and gizmos for young people. Kent police would advise family's that all packaging for these items are disposed of sensibly so as to reduce crime by not highlighting that a household has a new laptop, Xbox, tv etc. With these new devices bring the concerns around online safety and how parents keep their children safe online. Please see below links and the additional attachments sent with this newsletter around parental guidance.



- ▲ Online Safety Guidance for Parents:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/?scrlybrkr=bf47dc24>

- ▲ Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

- ▲ Resources | Childnet: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/parents-and-carers>

- ▲ Online Safety Leaflets & resources:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

- ▲ Parental Controls on Smartphones & Other Devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

- ▲ Inclusive Digital Safety advice for Parents and Carers:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/inclusive-digital-safety/advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

Guardian's guide to TikTok:

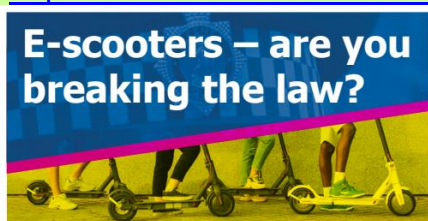
<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/?scrlybrkr=bf47dc24>

Parental Guide for Teens on Instagram:

<https://about.instagram.com/community/parents>

How to guide for parents:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.

Christmas presents?

Think again before you ride an e-scooter to school or if you plan to buy one this Christmas season!

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

Golden Duster Award



The children and staff have been in competition to see who can have the cleanest classroom!

At the end of each week **Mr Roberts** (Caretaker) will award the tidiest and most sparkling classroom with the Golden Duster Award!



This week's winners are ...Flamingo Class! Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

CHRISTMAS BOXES

🎁 HUGE Thank You to everyone who has donated gifts & goodies to our

🎁 Christmas Boxes 🇬🇧 this year!

The PTA have been busy little elves packing them up, ready to give to the Winners, who are randomly selected to receive a box of Festive goodies at the end of term!



EASY FUNDRAISING APP

💖 You could open the door to a £1,000 donation for Barming School PTA 💖 Countdown to Christmas with Easyfundraising's Advent Calendar, and we could win BIG! It's FREE and easy to take part. Just sign up:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/barmingpta/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=adventcalendar-fb1

FESTIVE FRIDAY'S

🎅 WOW 🍷❤️ Our Festive Fridays are a HUGE hit!

We are thrilled to see so many of you coming along! The school hall has been packed with festive cheer 🎉 and the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending their tokens 🟡 on our fabulous selection of stalls!



🙌 THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers who helped set up and serve! We really couldn't do it without you!

❤️ Next Friday 20th December we will be hosting our LAST Festive Friday! We hope to be OUTSIDE (depending on the weather) on the last day of term for a smaller scale Event before we all head off for the Christmas break!

Once again thank you so much for coming along and supporting the PTA - we are overwhelmed with your support and hope you enjoyed the festivities!

Ho Ho Ho
PTA

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Pupils of the Week – ending 22nd November 2024

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Bobby C
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Alaska N
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Lilly C
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Logan M
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Charlie S
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Millie H
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Kavita S
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Jessica J
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Riley P
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Ethan R
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Idhant S
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Riley H



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Harrison H
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Sarah A
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Zachary C
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Carlton L



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Alexander J
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Bianca N-Q
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Flynn C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Ramalee E G
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Parker P
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Franky B
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Vinnie P
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Penguin Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Ladybird Class



Active Award

Hedgehog Class



Active Award

Hippopotamus Class



Coming Up...



Dates to remember:

Term Two:

Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

INSET Two: Friday 29th November 2024

- **Wednesday 6th November:** New Entrant Tours 9.30am to 11am
- **Wednesday 13th November:** New Entrant Tours 9.30am to 11am
- **Tuesday 12th November:** Parent Consultations - 3.30pm to 5.30pm (Early)
- **Thursday 14th November:** Parent Consultations - 3.30pm to 7.30pm (Including half hour teacher break - Late)
- **Thursday 28th November:** Own clothes day & donate cakes
- **EYFS (Reception children only) Christmas Production:**
- **Wednesday 4th December** Production 1: 9.30am, Production 2: 2.15pm (Two tickets per family)
- **Pre-School Christmas Songs: Thursday 5th December Friday 6th December** – 2.30pm (Held in the Preschool)
- **Friday 6th December:** PTA Festive Friday
- **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December:** Year 1 School Trip
- **Friday 13th December:** PTA Festive Friday
- **Monday 16th December:** Year 1 Christmas Activity Afternoon with Christmas Songs – Parents/Carers invited 1.30pm to 3pm
- **Tuesday 17th December:** Year 2 Christmas Activity Afternoon with Christmas Songs – Parents/Carers invited 1.30pm to 3pm

- **Wednesday 18th December:** Year 3 and 4 Carols on the playground 3pm (Top playground)
- **Wednesday 18th December:** Christmas Lunch for the children in school
- **Thursday 19th December:** Year 5 and 6 Carols on the playground 3pm (Top playground)
- **Thursday 19th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 19th December:** EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Activity Morning – Children only.
- **Friday 20th December:** Class Parties – Afternoon – No change of clothes needed.
- **Friday 20th December:** PTA Festive Friday

INSET Days 2024 to 2025:

- **INSET 1:** Monday 2nd September 2024: Trust Inset
- **INSET 2:** Friday 29th November 2024: Closed
- **INSET 3:** Friday 28th February 2025: Trust Inset
- **INSET 4:** Monday 21st July 2025: Trust Inset
- **INSET 5:** Tuesday 22nd July 2025: Closed

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely



Mr Laker
Headteacher