



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 15 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Odd Sock Day

We'd like to give a big shoutout to all the children who participated in Odd Socks Day! Your colourful and creative socks helped us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week and highlight the importance of embracing our unique differences. (Photo from the children at Pre-school).

By wearing odd socks, you showed that it's okay to be different and that everyone deserves to feel valued and respected. Thank you for making a difference!



Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

93.94%

Despite lots of nasty bugs going around this a good attendance! Thankyou 😊

Polite Reminder



As a reminder, if your child brings any of the following to school... scooters, bikes, and roller skates, skateboards etc. they must get off them before they come through the school gates!

You can either take them away with you or they can be left in the d designated scooter and bike sheds. This rule has been in place for a long time. It helps to prevent accidents and creates a calm learning environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Health Reminder

If your child has experienced **vomiting or diarrhoea**, please keep them home from school for **48 hours** after their last episode – even if they seem ok! This helps to prevent the spread of illness and keep our school community healthy.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/?scrlbybrkr=bf47dc24>



Remember to report you child's absence every day on Arbor, phone or email! Thank you for your cooperation.

Messaging Staff

We appreciate your efforts to stay connected with teachers and staff through email, Arbor and Class Dojo. It's a great way to stay informed and involved in your child's education. We'd like to remind you that the school apps are not an instant messaging service.



Please remember that while we value your communication, teaching and school leadership remain our primary responsibilities. We do aim to respond to your emails and messages as promptly as possible, but please be patient with us.

Dogs On Site

We want to remind all dog owners that it is essential to **keep your dogs on a lead and always held while on school grounds**. This includes the playground, walkways, and any other areas within the school property.

Please do not allow your dogs to roam freely, even for a short period. Do not put your dog on the ground, even if they have a lead on. This can cause distress to other children, adults and staff, and may create safety concerns.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone. If this policy is not adhered to, we may have to reconsider allowing dogs onto the school grounds.



Sporting Success!



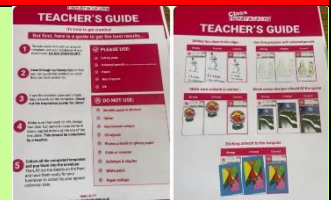
Our Key Stage 1 team played in their first league game last week.

A fantastic 7-3 victory in their first game together is an incredible result and we are all very proud of them!

Christmas Cards

If your child is at Pre-school, YR, Y1 and Y2 and has completed one of this Christmas designs, you have until **25th November** to place your order!

This is the final date of purchase, after that date you will no longer be able to purchase



Achievements Outside of School



Massive well done to Kent from Y1 who has finished the 2024 MotoMavericks Championship where he came 1st overall in the E2 Class 🏆 and 3rd Overall in the E16 Class 🏆 Am

Kent loves motorsport and recently got his Bambino GoKart license at Buckmore Park too, but will be concentrating on his MotoCross in 2025 and is looking forward to next year where he is switching from electric to petrol to race in the 50cc Auto Class.



If you would like to share anything with us, please email office@barming.kent.sch.uk

Nurture

JOY



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

At Barming Primary, we begin our school day with mindfulness. This helps us start our day with a positive mindset in a calm environment, preparing us for the day ahead. Helping us to relax our minds, ready to focus on the lessons ahead. It, also, gives the children time to socialise with their friends and adults in class to share any exciting news or feelings they may have, to help them feel heard and valued.

This terms nurture competition is to create a piece of art that shows what makes you feel good and happy on the inside.

The deadline for this competition is Thursday 12th December. Please make sure your name and class are on your entry and give it to your class teacher, the office or Mrs Selfe. Some winning entrants will join Mrs Selfe for some Christmas activities in the hut on the last day of term.



Online Safety

What are the PANTS rules?



- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

Have you talked PANTS yet?

Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped **over six million parents** to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe from sexual abuse.



Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG

difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Hospice In The Weald

Hospice in the Weald provides care for adults and children living with a terminal or life-limiting illness, as well as their loved ones, in Kent and East Sussex.



JUST-HELPING
Registered charity
number 1149068

Just Helping brings communities together through volunteering, with our Christmas Tree Collection event uniting thousands to support over 150 charities, making a lasting impact both locally and nationally.

Independent of the NHS, the Hospice needs to raise £8 million each year to continue providing vital support to the local community.

For a donation of your choice, our team of wonderful volunteers will collect your unwanted real Christmas tree, recycle it, and donate the chippings to the local community.

The Christmas tree recycling scheme helps

to raise vital funds for us and the local community. We welcome a donation and in exchange, we will collect your Christmas tree, take it away and recycle it for you. No hassle, no waste and no needles in your car! You can register from TODAY!



Training Session



Bower Grove School
Friday 29th November
10-11:30am

**STRATEGIES
TO SUPPORT
BEHAVIOUR**

- How behaviours present
- Strategies to support in school
- Strategies to support at home

REGISTER NOW FOR
FREE TRAINING

01622 726772
psg@bower-
grove.kent.sch.uk

Bower Grove school have another exciting free training session on Friday 29th of November with one of their assistant head teachers, Reece Jacobs, who will be discussing strategies to support behaviour.

The session will cover how behaviour can present itself, strategies to support in the home and at school. They would love to see you there either in person or online.

Please book a slot by calling 01622 726772 or email psg@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk

Supporting Our Community

Please see below the message from one of the Mum's at school who runs a fantastic local art hub...

Art hub Barming - we're on Facebook and Instagram!

I'm a local mum who has created a calm and safe studio from my home for all those little art lovers!

We also provide adult wellbeing evenings from time to time!

Currently we have a children's wreath making workshop on Friday the 22nd of November available to book 🌲

Thanks Lisa x



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...Elephant Class! Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA



Important Upcoming events:

OWN CLOTHES DAY & donate cakes: Thurs 28th November

FESTIVE FRIDAY: 6th December

FESTIVE FRIDAY: 13th December

FESTIVE FRIDAY: 20th December

FIREWORKS 2024

Another Fireworks night done – and what a blast we had! Before I get onto thanking all involved, I feel it is important to express how challenging organising this event has been due to the lack of volunteers, despite many pleas for several weeks. We resulted to asking friends and family for help. Because we didn't have enough volunteers, this meant that we couldn't offer face painting, bouncy castle and games stalls. The committee will have to consider how we proceed next year.



Having said the above – oh wow!! What a night!

We have raised £6,128 which will go towards our goal this year to replace furniture and flooring in 2 classrooms. What a brilliant achievement.

I want to thank ALL our wonderful volunteers who made this event possible. The organising committee spent many hours preparing, ordering, enquiring, printing, packing and planning the entire operation. Thank you to our volunteers who helped to set up on the day – wonderful team effort - so efficient and ahead of schedule.

Thank you to the brilliant team of volunteers and staff members who helped on the night to meet the demand. We had 1,180 people on site.

Thank you to the those staying behind to help take down the equipment and move it back into the school and the PTA container. Well done to the children who stayed and helped!

There are a few individuals I'd like to thank in particular – without them, there would be no event - Rob Bushell who led the fireworks launch team. Hannah Hill who led the Food and Drink operation and Adam Gillem – Bussey for working his magic with the lighting and the electrics on the night. **THANK YOU.**



The PTA are thrilled to announce...

FESTIVE FRIDAY'S

Each Friday throughout December, after school, we will be holding our Christmas Market-style Fundraisers!

Admission is FREE for all, outside on the grass area by the school office! You will be able to purchase TOKENS to spend throughout our stalls. We hope that you will come along and enjoy the festivities! All proceeds go towards our annual target for the school.

Many employers support their employees and their chosen

charities. We are a registered charity, therefore your employer could donate to the PTA. All it takes is a letter

EMPLOYEE MATCH FUNDING



from us to your HR department.

Please enquire with your HR manager if they offer **Match Funding** and get in touch with us via the email address below or via Facebook messenger. Thank you

barmingschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk | <https://www.facebook.com/barmingschoolpta>

 Pupils of the Week		
Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Mabel-Rae P
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Dean E
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Sophia- Leigh MW-P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Jaxon A
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Xanthe S
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Tyler P
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Robert E
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Reggie M
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Bella S
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Neysa W
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Jamie H
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Henri M



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Bobby-Ray R
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Levi T
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Tyler W
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Harry T



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Amelia F
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Millie H
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Aidan J
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Kohbi O
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Maxwell W
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Mabel P
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Alivia L
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Archie R



Attendance Ted Award

Husky Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Flamingo Class



Active Award

Penguin Class



Active Award

Panda 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)

- **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)
- **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December:** Year 1 School Trip
- **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.

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