



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 04 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

95.35%

FANTASTIC attendance this week!! Thank you! 😊

Attendance

Miss Rootes, Mrs Colclough (Inclusion Assistant) and **Mrs Darby** (Family Support Worker) make up, what we call our **Attendance Team**.

As part of our work here at Barming we regularly meet up and discuss Attendance and Lateness. We have to do this as we have a **legal responsibility to inform you when your child's attendance drops below 90 percent**.

This means that this week you may receive a letter from our Attendance Team if this applies to your child.

We want to work with our families to support you wherever we can to improve attendance and a timely school arrival.

As a parent it sometimes slips us by when our children have the odd day off here or there but it all adds up and can amount to quite a few days.

Thank you for working with us.

The Attendance Team



Thankyou!



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Retiring PTA Members

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to **Nicole Johnson**, **Hannah Hill**, and **Sophie Browning** for their countless hours of dedication and hard work as senior members of our PTA. Their contributions have been invaluable to our school community over recent years.

From organizing events, fundraising and creating the opportunity for parents and carers to be part of their child's school life. Their commitment and enthusiasm have made a significant difference. We wish them all the best in their retirement from the PTA (to some degree!) and thank them again for their service to our school. 😊



Author Visit



Wow! What an amazing morning we had on Tuesday this week.

Following our winning entry in the Maidstone Literacy Festival competition, Barming Primary School had the pleasure of an author/illustrator visit where we met the awesome Sophie Henn.

She came in to talk to the whole school about her journey to becoming an author and illustrator and tell us all about the books she has published over the past ten years.

After her assembly, Year 3 and Year 4 participated in a 'draw-a-long' where Sophie talked them through the stages of drawing some of her characters from her latest graphic novels - Happy Hills.

We saw some amazing Sparks the dragon, Shoomer the mushroom and Knick Knack the villain being drawn under the direction of Sophie.

Finally, Sophie held a book signing for all the children who had purchased books and a Q&A session for the Reading Ambassadors too. It was brilliant to hear all of their interesting questions as she enthusiastically told them all about her favourite characters and stories she has written and read.

A huge well done to all the children in school for their fantastic behaviour in assembly; Sophie Henn was very impressed. Keep reading everyone, you can start your own adventures with your own imagination too!

PE Days



Please can we ask you to send your child to school with a spare pair of shoes for PE day.

The children are loving OPAL which is fantastic BUT mud is coming in through the school and the hall is filthy after their PE lesson!!

They can bring wellie boots or spare trainers to use outside at break times. This is for **PE days ONLY**.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Questionnaire

Kent County Council (KCC) is running a public consultation on proposed changes to support for **children and young people with mild to medium emotional wellbeing and mental health needs**.

The consultation is from **Wednesday 25 September to Tuesday 12 November 2024**. www.kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport

Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Support

Public consultation closes 12 November 2024

Find out about proposals for a new Therapeutic Support Service and have your say!

kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport



The proposals are subject to feedback from the consultation and no decisions have been made. We would be grateful if parents/carers could please support the process by:

- completing the online questionnaire www.kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport or Word version (available on the webpage or in hard copy on request).
- encouraging young people to view the **Young People's Summary version** of the consultation document and questionnaire at www.kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport. An Easy Read version is also available from the webpage or on request. Thank you 😊

LitFest

Maidstone LitFest 2024 is brought to you by Maidstone Borough Council.

They are delighted to bring back another fantastic line-up of authors, poets, illustrators, workshops and children's events to the County Town.

The festival aims to celebrate books, reading and storytelling in its many forms. From bestsellers to award winners, debut authors to local writers, poets to illustrators, they hope that our varied and

diverse programme will appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds. LitFest starts this weekend!



Road Trip!

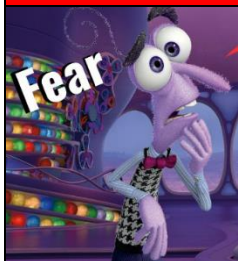
We were saddened to see **Mrs. Barnard** leave us earlier this year, but we know she's embarked on a fantastic adventure!

We thought the children might like to see what Mrs Barnard has been up to! Recently, she shared some beautiful photos with us from her road trip across America, including a breathtaking view of Niagara Falls.

It's been a great to see her exploring this incredible country!



Nurture Competition



Term 1 Nurture Principle: **School is a Safe Space**

Safe spaces have boundaries. Our school & class rules help set these boundaries to help us feel safe.

This term's **nurture competition** is to design or describe your own safe space at school. You can work independently or with a friend. The deadline for this competition is **18th October**. Please make sure your name and class are on your work and hand your entry to your class teacher. Mrs Selfe will choose some winning entrants to join her for a small **Halloween party** in the hut on the last day of term. Please drop your entry into the school office, thank you.

Online Safety

Find out how you can be SMART with a heart and follow our top tips for using the internet safely and positively:



S is for safe

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in

images and videos you share too.

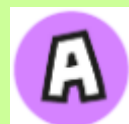
Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



M is for meet

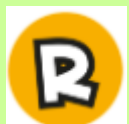
Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight

away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk



A is for accepting

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



R is for reliable

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



T is for tell

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact

Childline – **0800 11 11** or www.childline.org.uk



Be SMART with a heart

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/4-11-year-olds/get-smart/>



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... **Husky Class!** Well done!



Barming Primary School PTA

FIREWORKS 🎆 8th November 2024

...WE NEED YOU or we may be forced to cancel or scale back the event!

We require at least **45 volunteers** to hold this event and accommodate the demand from the public.

There are various tasks to be done during the day as we set up from 13.45pm, during the event itself from 16.45pm and post event tidying up from 7.30pm.

It's worth noting that by volunteering, you will NOT miss out on seeing the display, as all trade stops during the show.

Please use the link below to indicate which sessions you can help with (you can select more than one).

➡ <https://bit.ly/BarmingFireworks2024>

More details will follow closer to the event date and there will be a Zoom call to go through all job allocations on 6 November at 8pm.

We simply cannot run such a major event without the help of our amazing volunteers, so please consider giving your time to ensure this event goes ahead and is a spectacular show for all the family.

Thank you 😊

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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Abby K
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Vienna S
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Phoebe P
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Louis A
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Isabelle S
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Ollie M
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Archer S
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Theo M
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Leo S
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Charlie A
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Gene M-G
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Lamar A



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Arthur H
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Gracie B
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Charlotte G
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Sophia H



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Karma A
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Bianca N-Q
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Evelynne P
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Logan B
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Harlow H
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Sophia F
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Matthew C
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Charlie C



Attendance Ted Award

Hippopotamus Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Jaguar Class



Active Award

Penguin Class



Active Award

Giraffe Class



Coming Up...

Dates to remember:

Term One:

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024

- **INSET One: Monday 2nd September** (Closed for children – Staff in)
- **Tuesday 3rd September and Wednesday 4th September:** Parent Meetings for New Entrants Parents.
- **Wednesday 4th September:** Year 1 and Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' (3.30pm to 4pm)
- **Wednesday 4th September:** Year 3 and Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' (4pm to 4.30pm)
- **Thursday 5th September:** Year 5 and Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' (3.30pm to 4pm)
- **Friday 13th September:** Reception children start full time.
- **Monday 23rd September:** Harvest Assembly for children by Rev Wil North
- **Wednesday 16th October:** Read Write Inc (Phonics) Meeting for EYFS Parents
- **Monday 21st October to Wednesday 23rd October:** Year 6 Residential
- **Year 5 Class Assemblies Thursday 24th October First Class 9am and Second Class 2.45pm 15 mins max**

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 Christmas Production:**
- **Wednesday 4th December 9.30am:** Production 1, 2.15pm: Production 2 (Two tickets per family)
- **Pre-School Christmas Songs: Thursday 5th December:** 9.30am
- **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
- **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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Laker', written in a cursive style.

Mr Laker
Headteacher