



Barming Primary School

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Our Core Values

Respect - Responsibility - Courage - Wisdom

Friday, 27 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's Headteacher Newsletter,

Harvest Festival

We want to extend a huge thank you to our amazing school community for their generous donations to our Harvest Festival. Your contributions will make a real difference in the lives of those in need.

We're delighted to share that the donations have been passed on to our local food bank at Westborough Family Hub, helping to provide essential food supplies to families and those in need in our community.



Thank you again for your kindness and generosity!



Attendance: Our Target is 95%

This week's attendance figure is...

94.57%

Brilliant attendance this week!!! Thank you! 😊

A Heartfelt Thank You

We wanted to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to all our wonderful children for their impeccable behaviour this week. It has been a pleasure to witness your kindness, courtesy, and respect towards other children and teachers.

Your ability to mind your 'P's and Q's' and embody our Core Value of '**Respect**' has created a positive and harmonious learning environment. We are truly proud of each and every one of you.

Thank you again for setting such a wonderful example!



School Photo Day



Individual school photos will be taken this **Wednesday 2nd October**.

Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform, including a **jumper or cardigan**, thank you.

Census Day

We would like to inform you of a special menu change that will be in effect this **Thursday 3rd October** for Census Day.

What is Census Day? Census Day is a national day when the government collects information about the population. This data helps to understand the needs of our communities and plan for the future.

To celebrate Census Day, our school will be serving a special menu. Please see attached flyer.

★ **Don't forget there is also a competition to design a birthday card where prizes can be won!**

Please ask your child to hand in their entry to the kitchen team, thank you.



Arbor



Please remember to book your child's lunch on Arbor. You can book these weeks in advance to ensure they have a meal ready for them each day. We've noticed that some children come to school without booked lunches, which can disrupt lesson time as teachers need to assign them a meal.

Additionally, please don't forget to **report your child's absence each day they are off school**. You can do this using the Arbor app, by phone, or by email. Reporting absences is crucial for safeguarding purposes, as it helps us ensure your child's safety and well-being.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Raincoats



Please can I really ask that all parents and carers ensure your children bring a coat every day to school now...

As part of OPAL we want to be outside but so many children this week did not have a coat. This makes our playtime really dull as we have to stay in... this then does not allow the children to run around at lunch, which they need.

Thank you for your support.

Coats for all next week please 😊

Sporting Success!

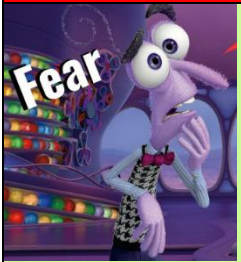
A fantastic start for our Upper Key Stage 2 football team, who took part in the **Gallagher International Day of Peace** football tournament.

The boys made it through to the semi-final in their first ever competition as a team. We are extremely proud of you all.

Well done!



Nurture Competition



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

Barming Primary is a safe & nurturing place that allows your feelings to be what they are. To feel seen, heard & understood when you may be facing some difficult emotions.

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

Fake news refers to false or misleading information presented as fact. It can be spread through various channels, including social media, websites, and even emails.



Why is Fake News Dangerous?

- **Misinformation:** Fake news can lead to misunderstandings and confusion.
- **Disinformation:** It can be used to spread harmful or misleading information with malicious intent.
- **Polarisation:** Fake news can contribute to social division and conflict.

How to Spot Fake News:

- **Check the Source:** Is the information coming from a reputable news organisation?
- **Verify the Facts:** Look for evidence to support the claims.
- **Be Sceptical:** If something seems too good (or too bad) to be true, it probably is.

Here are a few reputable fact-checking websites you can use which will help you decide if what you are reading is real:

- FactCheck.org: <https://www.factcheck.org/>
- PolitiFact: <https://www.politifact.com/>
- Snopes: <https://www.snopes.com/>
- AP Fact Check: <https://apnews.com/ap-fact-check>
- Reuters Fact Check: <https://www.reuters.com/fact-check/>



These websites provide in-depth analysis of claims made in the news and on social media.

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... **Penguin Class!** Well done!



House Points

As you know, our House Points system is a fantastic way for children to earn points for their House team. These points are awarded for excellent behaviour, academic achievements, and positive contributions to school life.

While we've been tracking points throughout the year, we're excited to announce that we'll be revealing the House results at the end of each term. This will be a fun and exciting way to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our children.

So, keep up the great work, and let's see which House will come out on top!



Barming Primary School PTA

*** HELP NEEDED ***



Disco - 4th October 2024

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help at this event.



We still need help at both the Year 3&4 Disco (4.30 - 5.45pm) and Year 5&6 Disco (6 - 7.30pm)

If you are able to volunteer, please go to bit.ly/BarmingPTA where you can purchase your tickets AND scroll down to the 'Can You Help' section to indicate which Discos you are available for.

Deadline for buying Disco tickets is Wednesday 2nd October – NO LATE BOOKERS.

PRE-LOVED Uniform Sale



Another successful pre-loved uniform sale last week! Thank you to everyone who supported the sale, the volunteers who helped during, and the Uniform Team who work tirelessly to sort your donations. We will continue to do a sale each term and all profits go towards our annual fundraising target.



Did you know...?

The PTA have a **Volunteers WhatsApp service** that parents and carers can join to get notified when we are in need of help, ADHOC throughout the year.

It could be at any of our events or to provide a trade, service or skills. By joining the WhatsApp service, you will be alerted of our request/ needs and if you are able to assist on that occasion, you can respond and the PTA will be in touch to arrange.

This is a fantastic way to help when busy lives permit, to ensure the PTA events continue to run, without officially joining the PTA Committee.

Click here to join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/PTAvolunteers> or speak to your Year Representative to be added.

You can get in touch via our email address or Facebook page below. 😊

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Pupils of the Week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Bardock N
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Louis R
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Jack W
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Everly B
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Janns S M
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Arabella R
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Charlotte C
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	George B
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Lucy S
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Kiko M
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Buruxa G
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Lucas M



Key Stage 1 Numbots Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
1	Hedgehog: Mrs Murray	Bella A
	Squirrel: Mrs Catmull & Mrs Hooker	Ayana N
2	Penguin: Mrs Coleman	Charlotte B
	Flamingo: Miss Histed & Mrs Visscher	Lucy W



Key Stage 2 Times Tables Rockstars Champions of the week

Year Group	Class	
3	Husky: Mrs Dyer & Mrs Paton	Karma A
	Wolf: Mr Edwards	Asha M
4	Jaguar: Mr Baker	Evan M
	Cheetah: Mrs Robinson & Mrs Davis	Aliya A
5	Panda: Mrs Rathbone	Lamees A
	Hippopotamus: Mrs Wade & Mrs Stere	Emily H
6	Giraffe: Miss Russell	Roxanne C
	Elephant: Mr Morgan	Charlie C



Attendance Ted Award

Jaguar Class



Punctuality Pup Award

Husky 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



Mr Laker
Headteacher