



Barford



Primary School

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Monday 21st January 2019

Headteacher's Message

The cold weather has arrived and the children were very excited for five minutes last week when it began to snow—alas, for them, it did not last! At this time of year we are always mindful of potential inclement weather and will always do all that we can to remain open. We will give as much notice as possible if we have to make the decision to close the school due to snow. Despite the weather, we have really benefitted from using the school field at lunch time and the children have enjoyed the freedom, as well as the offer of a quiet, inside space. We will continue to use our outdoor spaces to their full potential for as long as we possibly can.

PARENT FORUM—Tuesday 12th February from 2.15pm

I would like to restart the Parent Forums which in the past have provided an opportunity for informal, yet meaningful conversations about different elements of school. We are always looking to improve our provision and some very positive and successful ideas have been generated through this forum in the past. Tea, coffee and some quality biscuits will be available and the idea is to share experiences, suggestions and ask any questions. The focus for the first forum will be 'Getting communication right.' Look out for an email in the next week with further details. Have a say in how our school provides for the children.

Books for us

Thank you to all of you who supported our request for Books for Schools vouchers - a scheme run by the Eastern Daily Press. In total we managed to collect **3,344** tokens which is fantastic and we will hear soon if we were one of the lucky winners.



Current attendance rate is 95.7%

Families Lunch Week

Monday 4th February to Friday 8th February.

Come along and sample the meals that are provided for the children at school. This is an ideal opportunity to spend some time in school with your children and also experience the menu we offer.

The menu will be based on Week 2 of the Autumn/Winter 2018 menu (more information is available from the school office).

The cost is £2.20 for children and £2.76 for adults.

There will be limits to numbers on each day – we will let you know if any of the days become full.

Please let us know if you are interested in taking up the offer by Friday 25th January.

Please do not pay at this stage – meals will be charged via School Money the following week.

On-Road Cycling Training—can you help?

Some of Badgers Class children are taking part in cycling training and will be going out on the surrounding roads. We are looking for two volunteers to help supervise and would be very grateful to hear from you if you can offer your services on **Thursday 31st January** and/or **Thursday 7th February**. Help is needed all day on both days; however if you can spare half a day please let us know, as we may still be able to get both days covered this way, thank you.

Key Stage 2 Residential Reminders

Final payments due for

Hilltop (Year 5/6)

And

Aylmerton (Year 3/4)

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Mid-Year Interim Reports

At the mid-point of the academic year we provide a brief summary of your child's achievements in maths, reading and writing . These brief reports will be sent out on Friday 1st March, ahead of the Spring term Learning Meetings (details of these to follow soon).

SAT Boosters

for Year 6

**Starting tomorrow.
Tuesday 22nd January**

8.15am



Our current **TimesTables Rockstars** leader has an average answer time of 1.17 secs! Yes, really! Could you beat that?

Please make sure that we have your current email address so that we can send information to you. If this needs updating, please let Mrs Brown know in the school office. Many thanks.

Best wishes

Matt Dunscombe
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Final Payments for Residentials	Monday 21st January
SATS Boosters (Year 6) first session	Tuesday 22nd January
On-Road Cycling Training (Group 2)	Thursday 24th January
On-Road Cycle Training (Group 1, part 2)	Thursday 31st January
Families Lunch Week (week commencing)	Monday 4th February
Parent Forum - Getting communication right	Tuesday 12th February 2.15pm onwards
Last day of first Spring half term	Friday 15th February
First day of second Spring half term	Monday 25th February
Hilltop Residential (Year 5/6)	Monday 25th March - Wednesday 27th March
Aylmerton Residential (Year 3/4)	Monday 1st April - Wednesday 3rd April
Last day of Spring term (Easter break)	Friday 5th April