



Barford



Primary School

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Monday 4th March 2019

As we pass the midway point of the school year, we look ahead to warmer weather and more outdoor time. Last weeks impromptu 'summer sun' was most welcome albeit short-lived, but the field is once again being well-used. We have been reminded also of the importance of online safety. As a school, we take this very seriously and continue to pass on to the children the relevant messages associated with staying safe online. Please be mindful of how online content is being accessed at home and check parental controls. I have included further information about our approach to online safety below.

Online Awareness

Over the course of the next few weeks, I will be emailing out informative sheets about the different platforms available to children online. These will include Youtube, Minecraft, Instagram, amongst many others. The information is put together by National Online Safety. Having two boys myself who use online platforms, I have learnt a lot from reading these sheets—there is plenty that I did not know about different apps and social media. I will also make these available on the school website. Please take time to read through these and discuss the information with your children.

Parent Forum—School Communication

We hosted a Parent Forum on Tuesday 26th February and despite the really low turnout it was still a very worthwhile meeting. The text messaging, emailing letters that we previously sent in hard copy and availability of staff were all seen as positives. I intend to look further at sharing more examples of what we are doing at school (maybe via Facebook or the website) and to work hard to give as much notice as possible for upcoming events. I aim to host another forum in the summer term with a different focus, which I hope that more of you will be able to attend.

Current attendance rate is 95.2%

Spring Term Learning Meetings

Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th March

Further information to follow soon.

Please add dates to your diaries.

Mid-Year Interim Reports

**These will be sent out on
Friday.**

The content of these reports will be discussed further at the upcoming Learning Meetings (see above).



Upcoming road closure.

From Monday 11th March until Friday 15th March the B1108 Watton Road will be closed between 9.00 and 16.00 each day. The site will extend from the junction with Back Lane through to the junction with The Street, Wramplingham. There will be diversion signs in place for this period.

Please be aware when dropping children at school during this week as we expect Chapel Street to be busier with traffic due to this diversion.

Cluster TAG Rugby Competition

On Monday 25th February, we took a team of 9 players to Wymondham's sparkling new rugby club to take part in the Cluster Tag Rugby tournament. With our rugby coach Mark accompanying us, the team played seven games against a number of other teams in the 'small schools league.' Despite not having much experience of playing rugby, our team was fantastic. After a slow start, we finished the competition with 3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses, meaning that we finished 4th out of 8 in our league. The team should be proud of their teamwork, discipline and resilience. Well done all! It was a treat to watch.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March

A reminder that we will be celebrating all things books this week. Please come along dressed as your favourite book character or alternatively bring in a character prop. We are looking forward to see your efforts!



Special Menu

Thursday 7th March

'Round and Round in Circles'

(Homemade Bread Roll with Meatballs and BBQ Sauce topped with Cheese)

(v) 'Three Sided'

(Cheese Triangle)

'Plenty of Cubes'

(Diced Potatoes)

'2 x 2'

(Mixed Salad)

'Pick a Number Pudding'

(Chocolate Shortbread with a Scoop of Ice Cream)

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

Aylmerton Parent Meeting (3.20pm)	Wednesday 6th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Special Menu	Thursday 7th March
Red Squirrels—Gressenhall	Friday 8th March
Interim Reports out to parents/carers	Friday 8th March
Road Closure—B1108 for one week	Monday 11th— Friday 15th March
Basic Cycling Skills/Year 4	Thursday 14th March
Learning Meetings (Spring Term)	Monday 18th March Wednesday 20th March
Hilltop Residential (Year 5/6)	Monday 25th March - Wednesday 27th March
Aylmerton Residential (Year 3/4)	Monday 1st April - Wednesday 3rd April
Follow-up on-road cycling skills (selected Yrs 5/6)	Thursday 4th April (am)
Last day of Spring term (Easter break)	Friday 5th April