



Will there be school photographs for each year group this year?

Thank you to the 103 parents who replied to our questionnaire about school photos, 69 parents confirmed they would like an annual photo, which was the majority. However, 32 responses felt that the photographs were too expensive. We are currently sourcing a new photographer and will keep you updated.

Half term book look

Students will bring home their books at half term. Please make sure that they are returned. This is a great opportunity for you to view their progress. Students feel proud of their work in the school, so please take the time to review their learning. Thank you.

Rehearsal for the Peace Child production during half term.

Please be aware there will be an additional two hour Peace Child rehearsal during half term on Saturday 4th November – times to be confirmed.

Clubs and enrichment activities

We are pleased to inform you that all clubs and activities will be operational next week, including film club.

Harvest Boxes for Senior Citizens

Saturday 9/10/17 is the harvest box wrapping day, for distribution on Monday 9/10/17. The ESA need your support: if you are able to help, please let the office know. Students have been asked to bring in a food they are 'thankful' for and something our senior citizens in sheltered accommodation might enjoy. We have talked about non-perishable food. The food needs to be accompanied with a note, explaining in their best handwriting, why they are thankful for the food chosen. Students can bring in items from Monday 2/10/17. Students are also able to bring in any decorative material to wrap the boxes. Thank you for your support.

Year 5

Passport Guides will be sent home next week. These are really important, they are a guide to all the learning taking place in maths and English. They provide support if students get stuck with their work. They can also help parents familiarise themselves with the new curriculum. Please take time to look over them and remind your child to use them.

Year 6

Thank you to parents who attended the SATs information evening. Revision Guides will be handed out next week to those who have purchased them. Revision Guides are still available to purchase, please contact the school office 01763-271446.

Year 7

Thank you to those parents who attended the post SATS meeting, Saturday classes will begin in earnest on Saturday 7th October for those pupils invited.

Diary Dates:

October	Poetry Month
3/10/17	ESA Meeting at 7pm
5/10/17	Open Evening 6pm
7/10/17	Prepare Harvest Boxes for Senior Citizens ESA and parent support
7/10/17	Saturday Intervention Sessions
9/10/17	Magistrates Visit for Year 6
10/10/17	Open Morning 10:30pm-11:30pm
12/10/17	Lea House Rewards -Fun swim
13/10/17	Lea House Rewards - Cinema visit
16/10/17	Y8 Parents' Eve 4pm-6:30pm
23-27/10/17	Half term
30/10/17	Autumn Term 2
4/11/17	Additional Peace Child Rehearsal
1/12/17	Occasional Day
8/12/17	School Production
9/12/17	School Production
19/12/17	Service - St Mary's Church Aspenden
19/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2:30pm finish
3/1/18	Spring Term

Pound Coins

Please be advised that as from 2/10/17 the old pound coins will no longer be accepted for any cash payment made to the school.

How do I know how my child is behaving on a daily basis at school?

If your child has received a negative behaviour card, you will receive a text/email alerting you. A first yellow card will be dealt with by the tutor and a way forward will be agreed, please discuss this with your child at home. A second yellow will be dealt with by the Head of Year, who will ring you within 24 hours and a red card will be dealt with by the Senior Leadership Team, who will contact you within the hour. We hope you find this helpful in supporting your child to succeed.

Social Media Websites

We would like to remind parents that the minimum age for most social media websites is 13 years of age. Please be aware that this includes Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. Please be vigilant – thank you.

What is happening next Thursday?

The majority of the school will be returning to support our Open Evening event on Thursday 5th October 2017 from 5:45pm to 8:00pm. If your child has agreed to either work in a subject area (Years 6 and 7) or act as a guide for us (Years 5 and Year 8) they will need to return to school in full school uniform. They will bring a letter home with a permission slip – please complete and return to the school. Thank you in advance to the students and for your support for this event.

Mini Bus driver required – Barkway

We are looking to employ a mini bus driver to drive our school bus.

8:30am-9:30am Monday – Friday

2:40pm-3:40pm on Tuesdays

D1 on your driving licence is a requirement. DBS and all relevant checks will be required. The Minibus is 12 seater and there will be a passenger assistant travelling too. For further information please call Fiona Harris **01763 848281** at Barkway First School

Collective Worship planning group

As a school, we are developing our Collective Worship program. Part of this is to ensure that students have a say in how Collective Worships are delivered.

A group of students meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am in the music room, to discuss and plan a Collective Worship to deliver: in a couple of weeks the group, linking with Harvest, are delivering a Collective Worship looking at food miles. This is open to all students, all they need to do is turn up and be open to discussion and contribution. We will be looking to involve parents in the near future.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Social Media flyer

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

13

Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

14

LinkedIn

16

WhatsApp

17

Vine
Tinder

18

Path

18 / 13 with parent's permission

YouTube
WeChat

Keek
Kik

Foursquare
Flickr

Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 09/2014.