



Barford



Primary School

Spring

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Friday 31st March 2017

Headteacher's Message

The end of term is finally upon us and the weather also seems to have come good at the right time. The children have all worked hard and deserve a well-earned rest before taking a deep breath and tackling the summer term. Thank you for your generosity and support over the last few months, not only with our fundraising efforts but also with school life in general. Happy Easter everyone!

The fundraising just gets better and better.

Last week's Comic Relief Day provided us with another opportunity to get together as a school and raise money for a worthy cause. Hot on the heels of our NSPCC event, we dressed in spots, stripes or red (or all three for the ambitious) and held our very own cake sale. The idea was generated by the pupils themselves with Isabella in Year 5 leading the bake sale and the School Council helping with the organisation. Once again, for such a small school, we raised an excellent amount of money. From the dressing up alone we raised £84.48 and another £69.10 was collected from the cake sale. This gave us a grand total of £153.58. Yet again, when faced with an opportunity to raise money we have come up with the goods.

Your support and commitment to this is always valued and it has been really pleasing to see the children organising events themselves.



Mystery solved! It's Boudicca, not Boadicea!

Red Squirrels Class hosted a very educational assembly on Wednesday, which not only entertained but also informed. We were treated to a role play of key events, a tv interview and also a mock lesson.



The effort and sound knowledge demonstrated by the class was fantastic and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Learning Meetings review

Thank you to all of you who attended the Learning Meetings during this last week of term. The system of all meetings taking place in the hall, that was introduced last year, seems to be a success. It was good to see so many parents and carers coming along to discuss their children's work and progress. It was also a good opportunity for us to gather information about reading, through the questionnaires that were available to complete during the event. Thank you to those of you who completed one—if you missed out and would like to give us some feedback on this subject, please drop in and ask for a questionnaire.

Attendance Update

Our attendance rate has started to creep upwards, moving in the right direction to reach **96.31%**. Thank you for your support with this and for ensuring that the school is kept informed about absences in the appropriate way.

New Building update

The planning application was submitted on 10th February and the project management team are now in the usual process of responding to statutory consultees queries as and when received. A consultation letter went out to neighbours on 27th February for any feedback or matters raised. The NPS Design Team are now working on the technical working drawings.

Balmy about Birds

After the Easter holidays, Mrs Denmark has organised a visit from the RSPB, who will come into school on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April to work with each of



our classes. Activities will include exploring habitats and biodiversity.

Year 6 SATs Evening Meeting

On Wednesday 19th April, we will be hosting a meeting at school, for parents/carers of pupils in Year 6, which will explain the format and expectations of the upcoming KS2 SAT tests in May. The meeting will begin at 4.30pm and last for approximately 45 mins.

Year 6 SATs Week

The time is nearly upon us when the annual assessment season begins in earnest. Pupils in Year 6 will be sitting the statutory SAT tests during the week beginning 8th May. For further information about the test timetable, please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates>

Team Point winners Spring Term 2017

This terms team point champions are **Hawk Owls** for the second time this year. The challenge now is for the other teams to put the pressure on in the summer term. Well done Hawk Owls!

Outdoor Games Club

We will be starting an Invasion Games club after school on Wednesday for pupils in KS2 (Year 3—6). The club will run from 3.15 until 4.15pm each week. Activities will include netball, hockey, volleyball and a mysterious new game which will be introduced later on in the term. If you would like to sign up for this please complete the form on the letters that will be sent out today. There will be a limit on places to 20 initially and if the club is oversubscribed, we will run a waiting list. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The first session will be at 3.15pm on Wednesday 19th April.

Re-arranged Foxes Parent evening

Please could those parents/carers who were due to see Mrs Baines on Thursday 30th March, make new appointments for Thursday 20th April by calling into the office after the Easter break. Many thanks.

Best wishes

Matt Dunscombe
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Last day of this half term	Friday 31st March
RSPB Visits	Thursday 20 th - Friday 21st April
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 18th April
Year 6 Parents/Carers SATs Meeting	Wednesday 19th April @ 4.30pm
Year 3/4 Aylmerton Residential	Monday 24th April— Wednesday 26th April
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 8th—Thursday 11th May
Year 5/6 Hilltop Residential	Thursday 22nd June Saturday 24th June

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