



#Barvemember



Please see our Twitter page to view the video of all of the amazing contributions that children and families have made so far throughout Barvemember! It is amazing to see how many of you have taken part at home. Children have also been challenging themselves daily in school to solve the problems using the CPA approach with great success and more and more confidence.

Accompanying the video is a song recorded by Glee club, to the tune of Ed Sheeran, which gives the message of Barvemember - remember #mathseveryonecan!

Home Learning

As you are aware, we have adapted the way in which we set home learning across our academy. This was for a number of reasons.

The new Home Learning booklets, which you have received each half term since September aim to:

- Reduce the number of home learning tasks.
- Enable you as parents to have a full overview of the half term home learning activities.
- Provide an element of choice for reading activities. (If you have a busy week at home, you can select a shorter reading challenge. This enables you to plan your home learning together.)
- The weekly spelling and accelerated reading quiz scores are set out for the 6 weeks, enabling you to understand how well your child has done in school and to see your child's progress.
- Reduce the need for parents to print out home learning tasks each week.

Each half term, home learning booklets will be emailed home. A printed copy will be provided for every child. Please take care of these as we are unable to produce further copies and would ask parents to print out additional copies if they are required.

On occasions we will supplement our home learning with creative activities such as the Dot Learning Log. In response to parent feedback, we will not set learning logs over the Christmas or Easter periods. If we engage the whole school in an activity we will give you plenty of time to complete the task to ensure that you do not have to complete these activities during a holiday period.

Next half term, we will ensure that the spellings your child is expected to learn are set out in their entirety week by week. The whole year overview, which we have previously provided for your information, will be available on our website. We hope that this will ensure that you are clear about the spellings your child should learn each week whilst still enabling you to see the overview of expectations for spelling for the year.

The weekly expectations for home learning for Years 1-6 are:

- Weekly spellings
- Daily reading (our expectation is 20 mins) and a reading challenge
- Weekly arithmetic questions
- TTRockstars weekly (If you do not have access to the internet, please make your child's class teacher aware)



We do understand that, on rare occasions, your child may not have been able to complete home learning. This is understandable, just let your child's class teacher know. We always endeavor to work in partnership with our families.





4G and 4B enjoyed their visit to Park Hall Country Park, looking for animal habitats as part of their science topic. They enjoyed identifying the different habitats of a range of animals and have been able to see for themselves, first-hand, the animal homes and how they are formed.



Christmas Fayre

Look out for the letter detailing this year's Christmas Fayre as we will be having a range of events happening throughout the day too!

Wednesday 5th December is non-uniform day in exchange for:

Foundation Stage – Candy canes, chocolate coins or Christmas themed chocolates

Key Stage 1 – box of chocolates or chocolate bars

Key Stage 2 – a bottle for the tombola stall.



This year instead of the decorated boxes we are asking if everyone can provide a wrapped present for the lucky dip with a value of £1. Please indicate on the wrapping if the prize is suitable for a boy/ girl or unisex.

We are anticipating that the day will be fun filled and packed full of Christmas cheer!

Upcoming diary dates

27 th November (9.05 am)	5H class assembly
7 th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 4 th December 1.45 pm	Foundation Stage concert (tickets only)
Wednesday 5 th December 5.30 pm	Foundation Stage concert (tickets only)
Monday 17 th December 1.45 pm	Key Stage 1 production (tickets only)
Tuesday 18 th December 6.15 pm	Key Stage 1 production (tickets only)

Footprints – please see the separate letter sent out regarding Footprints over the Christmas break. It is essential that we receive your feedback by Friday 30th November.

