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Dear Parents/Carers,

The term has ended on a high today with the Dance Festival. To see the children's own choreography and how they have all worked together in their class groups, has been fantastic. Pictures have been added to the photo gallery section of the website and teachers will be posting film clips on Seesaw for you to enjoy later.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday. The E-safety leaders from Hawks organised two age-appropriate assemblies for the different key stages. All the children should be clear about how to keep safe and what to do if they are worried about anything online. The children have also discussed the Acceptable Use of Technology statements for their age-group. These statements are on the children's online safety page of the school website here: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/children/e-safety>

The parents' online safety page on the website has been updated and there is some useful guidance about different Apps/games your children may use. Mrs Duhig has also sent out some additional guidance about online safety via Seesaw earlier this week.

Term Dates 2022-2023

Term dates for the next academic year have been decided and are now on the school website here: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/term-dates>

For those of you planning summer holidays, the first day back after the summer holiday is Friday, September 2nd 2022.

Drop-in Session Wednesday 23rd February

Don't forget that you are invited to visit your child's classroom with your child on Wednesday, 23rd February after school until 4:00 pm. This is an opportunity for you to have a look at your child's learning and their classroom environment.

World Book day – Thursday March 3rd

This year, Barham will be celebrating World Book Day by exploring poetry. Children can dress up as a character if they would like or simply bring in their favourite book/poem and a prop. All the children will be learning a class poem so please find out what poem they learnt and it would be great if you could share your favourite poem with them too.



School Uniform

Just a few reminders about uniform: boots, including ankle boots should not be worn to school, socks should be plain (grey/black for boys, grey/navy/white for girls) and hair bands/Alice bands should be plain and preferably blue in colour. Some parents have spoken to me about the logo on the PE T-shirts being uncomfortable for their child. Children can wear a plain white T-shirt (no logos) instead if preferred.

And finally ...

We are pleased to be able to offer clubs again to pupils next term. We are hoping to add to these so I will let you know as soon as we are able to offer additional clubs.

Huge thanks to the parents who gave suggestions for qualified people who could teach yoga and Art last week. As a result of the recommendations, yoga will be starting again next term for pupils in Year 6 and Year 5. By the end of the year, all classes will have had some sessions.

I hope you all have a lovely break next week. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday, 22nd February.

Yours sincerely



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