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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all our parent teachers. You have certainly earned a well-deserved week off. What a term! The last letter I wrote in 2020 ended with the hopeful words that 2021 would be kinder and brighter. Even though the start of the year has been a challenge for everyone, I remain optimistic about the year ahead and confident that the children will be back in school again soon.

Term 4

This is a reminder to parents whose children are currently attending school - after the half term holiday, children will need to wear school uniform to school. If school shoes no longer fit, your child may wear trainers until shops open again. The Friends of Barham School are holding a second hand uniform sale on Friday, February 19th in the paddock between 1:00 to 2:30 pm. A flyer with details will be sent out today.

Free School Meals

Vouchers have been organised through the Local Authority for parents of children entitled to free school meals and should be with you next week.

For the parents of Owls, Jays and Wrens who currently come to school, we are sorting out term time vouchers for the days your child attends, backdated to Monday February 1st. Apologies for the delay but the vouchers will be with you in the week after half term.

Positive COVID Test Results

For those parents whose children attend school now, please inform me if your child tests positive for COVID in the next few days. Schools have been asked to support track and trace in the first couple of days next week.

Our gratitude to Parents

Finally, thank you again for all your support and hard work. The teaching staff at Barham are so grateful for all you have done to ensure your child continues their education. As I said in my video for parents, ignore the headlines. Your children will not be behind or earn less money in the future. When we are back in school together we will focus on the areas that children are most likely to have missed out on recently: socialisation and physical fitness, and as always, their well-being. If any gaps emerge in their academic work, we will provide effective interventions like we did before.

In the meantime, we have organised some 'experts' in different fields to help keep children's motivation going at the beginning of next term. Details to follow.



Enjoy your week off – I hope you and your children come back on February 22nd re-energised and ready to go again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a light blue background behind it.

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