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Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a lovely atmosphere at school over the last couple of weeks. It is always a joy to see the older children welcoming and playing with the younger children at playtimes.

We hope you all found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions useful last week. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or catch one of us on the gate in the morning.

Uniform

Pre-loved uniform has been put out in the paddock this week for you to pick up spare uniform. If you have missed it and would like an item/s, please contact the office.

A reminder that trainers are not part of our school uniform unless it a PE day and that children with pierced ears should be wearing plain studs only to school. Earrings can be taped for PE but they need to be removed for swimming.

Parents in Wrens

Please activate your ParentPay accounts as soon as possible to ensure you receive all the school communication. We usually send all emails/newsletters/letters via ParentPay and do not want any parents to miss out. If you have any issues activating your account, please speak to Mrs Taylor, in the office. All letters and newsletters are also on the school website here:

Letters: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters>

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Wrens' Class Page: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/class-pages/year-r-wrens>

Attendance

Like many schools we are hoping to improve on last year's attendance. One of the main issues we have is children being taken out on holiday during term time. Last year 113 children were absent from school because of a holiday. This does have an impact on their learning. Our curriculum is designed to build on previous learning and if they miss a week of school, the children will struggle to catch up. Holidays will not be authorised unless they fit one of the 'exceptional' criteria listed on the Leave of Absence form. Term dates are on the school website so please check before booking any holidays.



If your child is late in the morning after the gate has closed, you will need to sign the Late Book in the office. You will also need to sign the book if you need to take your child out of school during the school day or need to leave early.

Parent Celebration Assembly – Terms 1 and 2

Our first celebration assembly will be on Friday, October 13th at 9:15 am.

Please note that we have changed the date for the celebration assembly in term 2. This will now take place on Friday November 17th instead of November 24th. All parents are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Al Higgins' and the signature on the right is 'Jo Duhig'.

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