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Dear Parents/Carers,

With this cold spell and a frosty field, the children enjoyed a wonderful couple of days on the playing field this week at lunchtime until it became too muddy again. We are hoping that we can use our green spaces more regularly this term.

Strikes

You have probably heard in the news that members of one of the teachers' unions (National Education Union) have voted in favour of carrying out industrial action over pay and conditions. The first strike date is Wednesday 1st February. At this point, I am assessing the impact that this may have on the school and will inform you at the earliest opportunity if we need to close any classes on the day. In the meantime, it may be prudent to organise alternative arrangements in case your child's class is affected.

Parking

The parish council recently posted a message on the Barham community Facebook page about parking. In case you missed it, here it is:

The Parish Council would like to remind parents attending the school in Valley Road to drop off and pick up their children that it is an offence to park on the grass verges. If parents continue to do this, it could result in them receiving a fine.

Just this morning, I have received yet another complaint from a neighbour about parking in the bus stop. Please park legally and responsibly.

Phonics Workshops for Jays/Wrens Parents

We would like to invite parents to observe a phonics session to gain a better understanding of how phonics/early reading is taught at Barham. The workshop for Wrens will be on Monday, February 6th at 2:45 pm and the workshop for Jays will be on Tuesday, February 7th at 2:45 pm. These sessions will take place in the classroom so please go to the classroom door for 2:45 pm. There will be notes taken for parents who are unable to attend.

Drop-in Session

We will be holding a drop-in session on Tuesday February 7th at 3:15 until 4:00 pm. For those of you who are new to the school, this is an opportunity for you to look at your child's work with your child in their classroom after school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

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