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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We were certainly lucky with the weather this time.

The dance festival on the last afternoon of term was fantastic. I hope you have been able to see your child performing in the videos posted on Seesaw. There are also some photos on the photo galleries section of the website here:

<https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/photo-galleries>

Message about support from KCC

We would like to advise you of a scheme that is operating by Citizen Advice and is supporting people in Kent who are struggling financially or need support to manage the rising cost of living through its new Money Advice Hub. The service is completely free and confidential. People can access the service online by visiting www.kentmoneyadvicehub.com (with video call and webchat functions) or by calling the freephone number on 0800 808 5622 by phone from Monday – Friday between 8am – 8pm. It can also be accessed using one of five kiosks installed in community spaces in Gravesham, Cliftonville, Ramsgate, Aylesham and Ashford.

Strike Action Next Week – Thursday March 2nd

As mentioned before, our teachers belong to different unions and only some teachers are eligible to strike. Classes with job shares are not affected this time which means that only Year 3 will be closed on Thursday March 2nd. Children in this year group will not be able to attend school on this day. I apologise for any inconvenience to parents. Should the two-day strike go ahead on March 15th and 16th, I will look into covering Y3 without undermining the strike action. This may mean other classes will need to close (however, it will not be Year 6 or Year R).

World Book Day – Friday March 3rd

A reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday March 3rd this year. Children should bring their wooden spoon, decorated as a character from a book, by Friday. Dressing up is optional but if children prefer, they can just come in their own clothes.

On Monday 27th February, Mrs Taylor's husband, Adam, is bringing a selection of World Book Day books for each child to choose from. We are very grateful to Adam who has a bookshop called



The Classroom Children's Bookshop in Westgate-on-Sea for giving up his time to do this as it means every child will be able to bring home a book next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

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