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Dear Parent/Carers,

Update on COVID cases

Like our neighbouring schools, cases are beginning to creep up again at Barham. We now have five pupils in Year 5 so they are a separate bubble until the number of positive cases reduces. We have one other pupil in YR and a member of the Y2 staff who have also tested positive.

For the remainder of this term, please could I ask you to email me directly if your child tests positive: headteacher@barham.kent.sch.uk with information about any symptoms as it would ensure that I have accurate information to pass on to other parents in the class. This term, because we are short-staffed in the office, it is proving more difficult to keep an accurate record and I am aware that not all parents have been informed about new cases. I always check my emails at the weekend and if there is a new positive case, I will inform the relevant class before Monday.

If your child is absent due to COVID but not feeling ill and you would like remote learning lessons, please email your child's class teacher.

Parent Celebration Assembly

Reluctantly, we have decided to have next Friday's celebration assembly via Zoom as the number of COVID cases is rising and Year 5 are currently in a separate bubble. The assembly will start at 9:15 am and we will send the Zoom link out next week.

Change to Term Dates

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, KCC has decided that schools should finish a day earlier in July, on Thursday 21st rather than the previously published date, Friday 22nd July. The school website has been altered to reflect this change.

New Arrival

Finally, to finish on some wonderful news - we are delighted to let you know that Miss MacDonald had a baby boy this week. Both baby, Ellis and mum are doing well.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

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

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