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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. It was wonderful to see the children again and hear about their holiday adventures. We are delighted to welcome the thirty new Wrens who started today. We are looking forward to getting to know our youngest children over the coming term.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

A reminder that this week we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for each year group from Y1 – Y6. These meetings will take place at 2:45 pm in your child's classroom (come through the main gate). Teachers will be going through the new class routines and offering advice on how you can help your child. A summary will be provided in next week's overview in case you are not able to attend. Dates for each year group are on the school website here: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar>

Change of Dates

We like to give you dates for the year in advance so that you can plan accordingly but occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, dates need to change. The Year 3 Meet the Teacher date is now on Wednesday September 11th at 2:45 pm instead of tomorrow. The first parent celebration assembly has been postponed from Friday October 11th to Friday October 18th at 9:10 am.

Raffaella (Raffi) – Our School Dog

Raffi has had her first day in school today and made an appearance at the end of assembly to the delight of both the children and staff. She is still a young puppy so will meet the children gradually. We will be sending the School Dog Policy to you shortly and sending you a consent form for your child to have contact with Raffi.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have at least two emergency telephone numbers and your correct email address. It is important that you let the office know as soon as possible if any of your details change so please keep us updated. You can also update these details yourself directly on Arbor.

Severe Nut Allergy

A couple of our pupils have a severe nut allergy. No food containing nuts should be brought into school so please check contents of packed lunches very carefully, especially cereal bars and chocolate spreads. This is important for all children who attend Barham Bears (New House after-school club) and Kingfishers (our own after-school club)



Second hand Uniform

We still have plenty of spare pre-loved uniform left over. If any of you would like a spare set for your child, please contact the office.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that if your child brings a mobile phone to school, they must leave it in the school office when they arrive and collect it at the end of the day.

Finally, our after-school club - Kingfisher Club – started today. Please contact the office for more details if you are interested in your child attending. The other after-school clubs letter for this term will be sent out tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Al Higgins' and the second is 'Jo Duhig'.

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