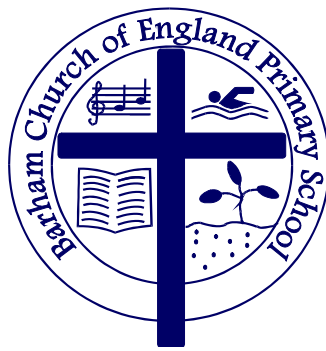


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Dear Parents/Carers,

How wonderful it has been to have our traditional whole school events again this week. The pancake races and class poetry recitals for World Book Day have been fantastic to watch. Please take a look at the photos of World Book Day which have been uploaded to the school website here: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/photo-galleries>

COVID update

Numbers of pupils testing positive are increasing slightly. We currently have 8 pupils who have tested positive. For the rest of this term, we will continue to inform you if a pupil in your child's class tests positive. The Department for Education guidance remains the same as it was last term; pupils who test positive should stay at home for 5 days and return to school after they have had two negative tests.

This guidance is likely to change after April 1st and we will update you at that time.

Ukraine

We are all shocked and saddened by the unfolding of events in Ukraine and we have given careful consideration to our approach in dealing with children's questions and concerns. It is clear that many of our older children have picked up various bits of information (and misinformation) about the invasion. Even if the children are shielded from the news at home, children talk about it on the playground and come across references on social media. Children in Y4 and above watch CBBC Newsround <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround> regularly and have watched child-appropriate information about the events that are happening in Ukraine. There is also advice on the website if your child is anxious or upset about news here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

With our younger classes, teachers have dealt with any issues or questions that have arisen with individuals and if appropriate through circle time for the whole class. If you have any concerns or your child is particularly anxious, please contact your child's teacher for support.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

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

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