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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fabulous end to the week we have had with World Book Day on Thursday and our annual inter-house music competition today. For those of you who are new to Barham, the music competition starts with a silent film clip. The Key Stage 2 children are divided into their houses and work together to compose music for the short film. Judging takes place in the afternoon and the winning house is invited to play their musical score at the Spring Music Evening taking place next week. We hope you will be able to join us and celebrate the winners and all the other musical talent at Barham on Tuesday evening. Please see below for further details.

FOBS AGM

Thank you to all the parents who logged on to join the AGM meeting on Tuesday. There were over thirty parents so Nuala was able to officially hand over the reins to Ana who is now chair of FOBS. We are incredibly grateful to you all for your support. FOBS provides essential funding for the swimming pool and many 'extras' that school cannot afford so we are delighted that it will continue with such an impressive level of support.

Spring Music Evening

Our Spring Music Evening is taking place on Tuesday 12th March at 6:00 pm. All families are invited to join us. Children taking part should be brought back to school in uniform at 5:50 pm. If any child needs their instrument tuning, they will need to arrive at 5:40 pm.

Resilience Workshop for Parents

A reminder that Peter Norton from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust will be leading workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on resilience, emotional health and wellbeing next Wednesday. Peter will also be providing a workshop in the school hall for all parents in how to support your child's emotional health and wellbeing. This is taking place on **Wednesday 13th March at 2:30 pm**. Please wait outside the school hall to be let in.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

Next Friday is Comic Relief so children can wear their own clothes to school. A suggested donation of £1 can be brought on the day but children can still wear their own clothes without a donation.

For ease, if any families would like to make a donation online, this can be done via our ParentPay donation link: [Comic Relief 2024 \(parentpay.com\)](https://parentpay.com).



TSC London Mini Marathon – Saturday 20th April

Mrs Gooderham has secured 40 places for this year's one mile mini marathon event which is taking place on Saturday 20th April 2024. If your child(ren) would like to attend, please contact Mrs Taylor. Running numbers will be allocated on a first come first served basis. For every runner that crosses the finish line a £10 sports voucher will be donated to the school, so please only request a number if you can commit to attending on the day.

As the race is taking place on a Saturday, it is a parent led event. It is a requirement of the organisers that children in Years R, 1 and 2 need to be accompanied on their run by an adult, so parents can join in too!

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March after school. These meetings will be face to face but you will need to book online using school cloud as before. Mrs Taylor has sent out information about how to book but if you have any issues, please contact the school office. The deadline for making an appointment is Friday 15th March at 5pm.

As a reminder there are no clubs running during parent consultation week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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