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Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the weather and continuing restrictions, this has been a very successful term. We have been able to enjoy lessons taken by specialists again (balance bikes, ukuleles, PE), visits to the farm and cathedral, after school clubs, swimming and whole school celebration assemblies outside. The children have been fantastic and they continue to impress visitors with their behaviour and attitude.

Swimming Pool

The sand in the filter needs to be replaced which we hope to have sorted soon. This requires a pool specialist but please can children bring their swimming kit on the first week back as there is a possibility we will be able to get it fixed in time for the new term.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read at home regularly. As we are not yet having reading volunteers in school, children are missing out on 1:1 reading time. Reading is the most important way to support your child with their learning – not just listening to them read but reading to your child too.

Positive Covid Results

As in previous holidays, schools have been asked to help Track and Trace. Should your child test positive for COVID before Monday May 31st, please contact me via email: headteacher@barham.kent.sch.uk

Travel Abroad

If you and your child are travelling to another country over the half term break, please ensure the school is aware if it is **not** on the green list and follow the government guidelines over quarantine when you return.

Free School Meals

Children who usually have free school meals (not infants) will have vouchers to cover the holiday period. These should be with you shortly.

Term 6

We are hoping that we will be able to return to a few whole school events in the second half of the term which you will be able to attend too. I will contact you nearer the time about the production, sports day and leavers service (for Y6 families only).

At last, we have sunshine and a decent forecast for next week - I hope you all have a wonderful break.

Yours sincerely

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

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