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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the fact that our attendance figures are looking good for our school at the moment. Last week, we reached 100% attendance, with all staff and pupils in school. It has been a long time since we have seen this!

We are now really hopeful that normality will be able to return in full next half-term and that we will be in a position to open up even more to visitors and plan further exciting events for the year.

Dance Festival

Miss Ellis and I agreed that it was an absolute pleasure to watch the Key Stage 2 children taking part in the Dance Festival at William Brookes school last night. They were superb and if there was any stage-fright at all (the auditorium was full), they managed to hide it extremely well to perform with confidence and talent. Needless to say, we were very proud of them.

Dance will continue next half-term for all ages, as an after-school club with a dance teacher.

Meetings

A meeting for parents and carers Year 6 pupils, will take place on Tuesday 1st March on Zoom. Invites have already been sent out by Mrs Hayes. The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents of this year's expectations for the statutory assessments and tests (SATs).

Clubs

Please see attached the booking form for clubs starting next half-term. Again, I have to stress that, due to staffing issues, there may be occasions where pupils will be offered an alternative club should the leader become unavailable. We will always do our best to inform you of this beforehand. However, this may not always be possible.

The Friends of Barrow

When I first joined the Barrow 1618 team at the beginning of lockdown in April 2020, I needed as many friends as I could get! On many an occasion the Friends of Barrow came to our rescue: whether they were rallying people to erect (and dismantle) the marquee as an addition outdoor space, providing much-needed PPE equipment, or enabling us to subscribe to Shropshire Library Service and other platforms, the Friends of Barrow were always there, ready to help. It is due to their fundraising that the pupils have more space for interventions. I know of the excellent work they had been doing long before I came to the school and how important they are to our community. On behalf of us all at Barrow 1618, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those committee members, who have recently

resigned from their positions. We are immensely grateful to Christian Toon, Lucy Blair, Claire Parton, Sally Hobday, Gary Williams and Ben Stanford for everything they have contributed to support and enrich life at our wonderful, unique school. A heartfelt thank-you from us all!

Parent Governor Elections

Ballot papers have been sent out to parents and carers. Please return these by 3:30pm on Friday 25th February. Please note, that in the event that school is closed due to the half-term break, votes can be posted in the post-box next to the gate.

Non-uniform day for Hope House

Tomorrow, our last day of this half-term for the pupils, will be a non-uniform day where children can wear their own clothes to school and make a donation to Hope House Children's Hospice. Donations can be made on ParentPay, via this link: www.parentpay.com or cash may be brought into school.

Scholastic Book Fair

A book fair will be taking place, in the school hall, between 18th & 23rd March. Parents will be able to access and purchase books on these days from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Flyers will be sent out nearer the time with a catalogue of books that will be available.

World Book Day

Barrow 1618 will be celebrating World Book Day **on Thursday 3rd March**. Children may come to school either dressed as a book character or in pyjamas with a soft toy, ready to explore books by different authors and take part in a variety of reading activities. They may wish to bring in a book by their favourite author to share with their friends. A special menu has been attached with this newsletter.

Barrow Bears

Finally, Merrythought and Bears on the Square, in Ironbridge, have kindly offered us a donation and discount on their teddy-bears. After the half-term break, we will be taking the School Council into Ironbridge to choose the Barrow Bear family that will represent our school values.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break.

Yours sincerely,
Sian Stephenson
(Headteacher)