



BARROW 1618

A Church of England Free School



Teaching our children to stay safe online has

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never been more important than it is nowadays, with access to the internet available via mobile devices in your pocket, in your home and at your fingertips 24/7. Whilst we know it can be an inspiring tool for learning, communicating and sharing—the internet and social media can be full of potential hazards and pitfalls. Next Tuesday, 7th February, each class will be observing 'Safer Internet Day'. Pupils will be exploring some of the potential risks of sharing information online and what they can do to remain safely in control of their online presence. A host of interesting and exciting talks and activities are planned. Visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017> for more information and resources for parents.

Mid-year Parents' Evenings will take place for Elm, Ash and Oak Classes on Tuesday 28th February between 3:40pm and 5:30pm and for all classes on Wednesday 1st March between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Booking forms will be available before and after school, on the playground from Monday next week.

We'll be holding a whole-school FairTrade Week in the week commencing 13th March. During the week, through visits, activities and speakers, children will be learning about the aims and principles of 'FairTrade' as our school continues on our journey to achieving the 'FairTrade Mark'. Watch this space for ways in which you can get involved.



Ash Tree Class had a great time at Shrewsbury Museum this week, as they paid a visit as part of their focus on the Tudors. They enjoyed the chance to try on replica clothing, toured the Tudor buildings of the town and enjoyed talks from the museum staff.



It's that time of year when Sainsbury's hold their Active Kids initiative. If you or someone you know is asked the question "Are you collecting Active Kids Vouchers?" next time you do your shop—please answer "YES!" A post-box for your vouchers can be found in the main entrance. Let's see if we can break the record this year and use the vouchers to purchase some much needed equipment for children to enjoy during play and lunch times.



A reminder that Mrs Dillon, on behalf of the East Shropshire Sports Partnership, will be holding an Easter Activity Club here at Barrow for a week during the Easter holidays. Spaces are filling up quickly, so please act now if you wish to book a place for your child(ren). Details of how to book can be found on the attached flyer.

Each Year, our Lent Project helps to raise funds for charitable causes. As we speak, we're deciding which charity we should support this year. If you have any personal connection with, or experience of, a local, grass-roots charity that would benefit from our assistance, please email me with your suggestions. I will involve the school council in making a final choice, so the more viable options the better! Thanks for your assistance.



In sporting news, we had a superb time at Bridgnorth Endowed School with our team who took part in a Change4Life Festival and at Idsall and Oldbury Wells Schools, where Sports hall athletics was on the cards. It was commented on by staff from other schools how well-mannered and sporting our pupils were during their events, which was even more pleasing than the medals they brought home. Well done and thanks to all who've represented us in sport this term to date.



A word on punctuality. We pride ourselves on our attendance and punctuality and appreciate the efforts you make to ensure children are on time and attend consistently. I have begun to notice, since Christmas particularly, an increase in instances where children are arriving 'just five or ten minutes late'. Over time, this adds up of course and we mustn't be complacent. Please be aware that instances of lateness are recorded on our register and patterns of poor punctuality will be discussed with you to seek a way to rectify the situation. Thank you.



Make new Friends!



Fun and Active!

EASTER MULTI SPORT CLUB

8:30am -3.30pm

Monday 10th -13th April week 1

Tuesday 18th-21st April week 2

£15 per day

Come and join in for a fun packed, sports and outdoor adventure run by our highly experienced PE staff from East Shropshire Schools Sports Partnership. Limited places available so book early. To get more information or to book at any of the venues contact Lyndsey Dillon on lyndseydillonpt@gmail.com or telephone 07538352352

VENUES

WEEK 1 - Mon 10th April to Thurs 13th

Much Wenlock Primary School
Shifnal Primary School

WEEK 2 - Tues 18th April to Fri 21st

Albrighton Primary School
Barrow Free School
St Mary's Bluecoat Primary School

TIMETABLE

Choose which activity you would like to do!

WEEK 1 - Mon 10th - 13th April

Monday	Rounders/football/tennis/team games
Tuesday	Cricket/athletics/team games/gymnastics
Wednesday	Tag rugby/dance/basketball/team games
Thursday	Easter challenge/orienteering games/ football/hockey

WEEK 2 - Tues 18th - 21st April

Tuesday	Dodgeball/team games/athletics/rounders
Wednesday	Dance/gymnastics/basketball/football
Thursday	Orienteering games/team games/cricket/tennis
Friday	Easter challenge/hockey/team games/dodgeball