



Wednesday 20th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

SCHOOL FUND

I hope your child(ren) enjoyed a wonderful Creativity Week – “This is Me!”. I am delighted to be sending you a special edition of Hedgelines attached with this PMX which will enable you to read about all that was achieved over the week. Creativity Week is always enjoyed by pupils at Barrow Hedges because it is an opportunity to deviate from the usual timetable - this year was no exception. It was extremely rewarding to be able to focus on mental health this year and explore the following themes with the children:

What makes us unique

Being kind and valuing yourself and others

Keeping your brain active and healthy

Having a healthy body and a healthy mind

Talking about your feelings

Being mindful

Asking for help with your mental health – just as you would if you had hurt your leg or felt poorly.

I am writing this letter to you regarding **School Fund**. You will probably know that, in line with other primary schools, each year we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£15 per family**. This fund enables us to enrich the curriculum throughout the year to add interest and excitement to lessons. Examples of this include the purchase of ingredients for Design Technology lessons, materials for Science lessons and specialist media for Art. The fund also pays for some of the transportation used for external sports events and competitions. In short, the “*optional extras*” (“the icing on the cake”) which enable us to make lessons more memorable and help us to make them even more engaging and practical. The costs for such resources are beyond the essentials met through our delegated budgets.

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As with last year, and following previous feedback from parents, we are asking for this donation towards the end of the school year to avoid a time when parents already incur expenses, such as new school shoes, uniform and other such equipment, after a six week holiday. Hopefully you will have had the chance to see and appreciate the wide range of activities the school has offered in addition to the variety of trips and events that parents have paid for.

We hope that you will have found that your child has enjoyed creative and stimulating learning opportunities to date, and will support us in making a contribution of £15 per family. You will be able to pay from today via Parent Pay and this will be attached to your youngest child's account where you have more than one child at the school.

The support and generosity shown by families in previous years' School Fund contribution has certainly made a difference so I would like to thank everyone very much. Senior leaders and governors are acutely aware of financial constraints that many families face; as parents you will also know that schools are currently having to deal with well-publicised budget cuts. With this in mind, we are keen not to increase our School Fund payment of £15. We are also reviewing costs of all school trips for next year to ensure we are getting the best possible value for money, in conjunction with exploring ways to make them more affordable for all.

You will know that we have an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who work hard raising thousands of pounds. This money benefits every child in the school community. PTA funds are not used for day to day lessons; rather they provide a variety of enrichment activities, such as the following:

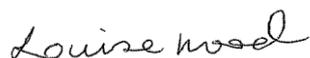
Annual Pantomime in January
Black History Month Show
Tennis for KS2 children
Science/Maths shows
Creativity Week
National Sports Week

In addition, the PTA provide funding throughout the year for a wide range of resources. This year they have contributed a magnificent £10,000 towards the playground equipment and MUGA, as well as purchasing new sports kit.

Should you wish to find out more about how the PTA supports the school then please do remember that their AGM is held every Autumn term when the Treasurer's report is shared. The date of the 2018/2019 AGM will be publicised on our Events Calendar at the end of this term.

I look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events before the end of term.

Kind regards



Mrs Louise Wood
Headteacher