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Dear Parents,

## **Easter Holiday Two Week Break**

Thank you so much for all of your support. We have received so many emails and positive messages on the Google Classrooms that have really lifted everyone's spirits at this difficult time. We are all so impressed with all the children's contributions to the online learning platform.

Well, the sun is now shining and, although it does not feel like it, we have now broken up for the Easter holidays!

So just a few points about home learning over the next fortnight:

- Children will no longer be able to add comments in their classrooms through the Easter break, until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Teachers will be having a break too! Some staff, of course, will be in school with a very small number of our critical workers' children.
- There will be no new 'lessons' added over Easter. Please take a break from this type of learning and enjoy some other activities – maybe arts and crafts, cooking, music, being outside, if you can do so safely.
- Google Classrooms are still accessible (with the last two weeks' work in archive files) and we have put lots of suggestions for fun Easter activities in here.
- We always promote the importance of reading all children Years 1-6 have now been allocated books on BugClub. To access the website, parents must ensure they visit bugclub.co.uk as typing BugClub on a search engine will take them to the Australian website. Children's login details are written near the beginning of their home school books, and the school code is m7sh. Try to encourage your child to do plenty of reading over the holiday.

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Attached with this letter is our Spring 2 edition of Hedgelines – this was already mid-production when the school closed so we wanted to send it and celebrate the children's achievements. This includes Monthly Magpies which is a bumper edition for these times of isolation! Do have a read as there's lots of suggested activities.

On behalf of all the staff at Barrow Hedges, I wish you a very happy holiday. I know these are strange times but I do hope that you are able to enjoy time as a family and that you all keep safe and well.

Kind regards,

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