

Bartons Primary School Newsletter 2 14th September 2018

It is incredible that we have already been back to school for over a week now and I am pleased to say that the staff have been impressed just how enthusiastic the children are to their new learning and how they are all working very hard. Last week in assembly, I talked to the children about the year ahead and also our expectations of them in their learning and in their behaviour. We have high hopes of them all and I have promised lots of bonus House points for when we see great examples in action.

<u>Miss De Silva</u>

It is with sadness that I have to tell you that Miss De Silva, one of our long standing part-time teachers has decided to leave Bartons following a period of absence. Miss De Silva has worked at Bartons for many years and was a highly valued member of staff. We wish her all the best for the future and we will miss her.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES CHANGE

We have had to change two class assembly dates. Please make a note of the following changes:

Elm Assembly will now be Friday 14th December

Chestnut Assembly will now be 9th November.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

<u>Parking</u>

We have had several complaints from parents who are • concerned about dangerous and irresponsible parking on the pavements in and around the school roads. Many of our parents have prams/pushchairs and should not be forced to go into the road. This is putting lives at risk. Parents should not park on the pavements obstructing • pedestrians. Any parents who witness poor parking should report the car registration to the Police immediately. As a community, we should all work together to ensure the safety of our children.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

There will be a coffee afternoon on 28th September at 2pm. We will be asking for donations of cakes and more details will follow. Please come along to have an informal chat with me and some of the members of the Friends. Everyone will be very welcome.

Helpful and General Reminders

Please remember that:

- all uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles should be clearly named so that if any get mislaid, they can be returned safely.
- hair that is below chin length must be tied back. Long fringes must be tied back. No tracks or patterns must be cut into the hair and hair must be of a natural colour. No jewellery is allowed except small stud earrings and no nail varnish should be worn.
- Iunch boxes should be healthy ones. Please try to limit the amount of sweet items and do not include fizzy drinks. The school does have a nut free policy because there are some children who have allergies so please avoid providing any nut products and nut spreads like peanut butter in sandwiches. Thank you.
- all pupils in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) are entitled to a free school meal. This is called the Universal Free School Meal. Should you be eligible for free school meals (FSM) claim forms are available from the school office. We encourage all parents, who are eligible to claim, to register for free school meals as the school receives additional funding for these pupils and this can be used to support your child in school.
- if your child is ill then please ensure you call the school office giving the reason for the child's absence. If we don't hear from you, we will call you to find out where they are. In the event of sickness or diarrhoea, children must not attend school until 48 hours has passed following the last bout.
- All routine medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day or in the holidays. For all absence requests, the office has a form that parents must complete prior to any absence from school.
- the school has a Text2Parent texting message service which you are automatically enrolled to if we have a current mobile number on our system. This is used to keep you updated on events or notices. Please ensure we have the most up to date number for you.
- Parents evenings are held in the autumn and spring terms. Two weeks before the dates, sign up sheets will be available in the library for parents to book appointments.