



Welcome back to school after half term. I hope that you all had a great week off and enjoyed the mild seasonal weather. This half term our School value is 'Respect' and we will be exploring the skills that are needed to develop a greater understanding of this term. Over the term, the children will learn about empathy, tolerance, honesty, fairness, equality and team. In school, we look out for times that the children show these skills. This week, it was great to see so many of you meeting with class teachers at parents evening. We look forward to seeing more of you at next week's consultations too.

The British Legion Poppy Appeal



Again this year, we are supporting the annual British Legion Poppy appeal in school by selling poppies and other

remembrance items until next Friday. They will be on sale in the afternoons and brought to the classes. If you would like your child to buy a poppy or any of the other items (some would need a donation of over £1) then please bring to school the money securely in a named purse or envelope. This is a very worthy charity and so thank you for your support in advance.

Congratulations



I'm sure that many of you already know but during half term, on a glorious day, Miss Cook got married. I'm sure that you will join with us in wishing Mr and Mrs Knights many

congratulations on their nuptials and wish them all of the best for the future. Welcome to Bartons Mrs Knights!

One- Way System

Please can I remind parents that we have a **one - way** system in place at drop off and pick up times. Many parents are ignoring this and so we ask that you support us in making these busy periods run smoothly. We do have CCTV and so we can see you clearly if you do it.

<u>Welcome</u>

This term, we welcome two new pupils to Bartons. Welcome Adem and Freddie who have joined us in Beech and Cedar classes. I know that you have already settled in quickly and I hope that you enjoy your time here.

Monitoring Your Child's Reading at Home

As many of you will know, one of the ways in which we monitor and assess children's reading is using the programme 'Accelerated Reader'. The children take a Star test every half - term which determines progress and the reading range that the children can choose books from. After reading texts, from within their reading range (called their ZPD), the children take quizzes. Your child's success in the Star Tests and Accelerated Reading quizzes are currently recorded in your child's reading record.

You can monitor your child's progress more closely at home by using Renaissance Home Connect. On the leaflet sent home in the parents consultation meeting this week or next week, you will see that you will be able to log in, using the link on the school webpage and your child's username and password from their reading record. You can then have their results emailed to you. This allows you to celebrate their success each time they take a quiz. Reading at home regularly is vital for children's learning and development. Please make sure that you are hearing your child read as often as you can. Thank you.

School Photographs

This week, you will have received your child's school photograph proof from Yellow, the school photographers. Please have a look at the photograph and all of the buying options to see what you would like to buy. For ordering, please follow the instructions and order online. The closing date for orders is **Tuesday 15th November**.

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Have a great weekend. Best wishes Kate Powell