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Welcome back to school after the October half term break. I hope you all managed to have some quality family time altogether. Many of the children have told us about the fun they had picking and carving pumpkins, and dressing up for Halloween.

This week has been Maths Week with the theme of 'The Crystal Maze.' It has been an opportunity to really immerse the children in creative and purposeful Maths. I'll post some photos next week from across the school.

We have also welcomed Mrs Gercke and Mr Guest to Team Bartons. They are our new teaching assistants in Year 1 and 2. We hope you both enjoy your new roles.

Bartons 10th Birthday

On Tuesday, we all enjoyed celebrating Bartons 10th Birthday. In assembly the children enjoyed seeing pictures of Bartons being built and the changes through the decade. We sang 'Happy Birthday' and the Year 6 school councillors blew out the candles on the special cake made for us by Kerri Phillips. Thank you Kerri, it was delicious. I saw lots of happy children enjoying party games in their classes.





Chestnut Class Trip to Goodwood Farm

You'll remember that before half term, Chestnut Class visited Goodwood Farm and had an incredible day of learning linked to their Field to Fork topic. The



staff at Goodwood were very impressed with the children's questions and behaviour. Well done Year 2.

Competition Winners

Before half term, Ali Sparkes, our Patron of Reading, set a competition for the children in Year 3-6 to write a spooky themed story. Lots of children chose to take part and the entries were sent to Ali for judging. A tough job! Congratulations to Oscar (1st place) Tess (2nd place) and Maya (3rd place) who received prizes of spooky treats and books from the vending machine.

Thank you also for supporting the Halloween Raffle to raise funds for the Young Voices event. The raffle raised £364. The winners of the hampers were Oscar and Evie. Well done!

<u>Children In Need Day Friday 15th</u> November

Children in Need day is next Friday and the children can come to school in non-uniform for £1. The children can dress down and/or wear spotty clothes or any CIN merchandise clothing or accessories. The School Council have organised a sponsored walk for all of the children. The details were sent out before half term. We request that the children wear trainers or comfortable shoes for the walk. After the event, please support your child to collect

their sponsorship money which can then be paid in via the Parent pay link. All of the money goes towards



this excellent charity. Thank you for your support.

Important Dates for November

11th: Anti - Bullying Week

12th: Open Afternoon for Year R places (September 2025)

15th: Children In Need Day - non uniform day for £1

20th: Parents Evening (4pm - 6.45pm)

22nd: Non uniform day for Christmas Fair donations. 22nd: Final day to pay in sponsorship money for the walk

26th: Sharing of Work (3.15pm - 3.45pm) 27th: Sharing of Work (8.40am - 9am)

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Ali Powell



