



TEAM BARTONS

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Well, we have finally reached half term and can look back at all of the great things that have been achieved. Despite a varied amount of staff and pupil illness, there has been Science Week, Internet Safety day, The Queen's anniversary, trips, Year 5 swimming and focussed study days which have inspired and motivated the children.

When we return after half term, it will be Book Week and we will celebrate the week and World Book day with lots of special literary activities. Mr Hayne sent home a letter last week outlining some of these activities. Following feedback from parents, there will be **no** requirement this year to dress up as your favourite book character. Instead other fun activities with props have been planned. The texts that the children will be studying for Book Week are:

- Elm, Beech and Chestnut: Stuart Little
- Hazel and Ash: Charlotte's Web
- Lime and Cedar: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.

DAY	BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY
Tuesday 1st March	Back by popular demand - The Masked Reader. The children will be able to guess which teacher is reading part of a story.
Wednesday 2nd March	Working With Others - Props, costume making, green screen and drama afternoon. Your child's teacher may request some items to be collected to bring on this day - look out for a message on Seesaw with further information of what to bring.
Thursday 3rd March	WORLD BOOK DAY Online Author Visit for all children - Momoko Abe
Friday 4th March	Book to Film finale afternoon!

It will be a fun week! Have a wonderful half term. Please stay safe and look after yourselves as Covid is still around. We will see you all back on Tuesday 1st March.

New Chartwells Menu

The new Spring/Summer hot meal menu from Chartwells is due to start in April 2022, after the Easter Holidays and is now on the school website in the Parents section.

Recycling Printer Cartridges



In school, we are collecting used and empty computer printer cartridges. Not only does this support positive recycling but also helps us raise a bit of extra money for the children. To be part of this initiative, please bring the used cartridges to the school office. Thank you very much.

ParentMail

We are pleased to tell you that more parents are now using 'ParentMail'. This has helped improve communication and has made making payments for trips and events much more efficient. Its usage and the data tells us that:

We have saved **£558.30** by not printing letters; this money will go towards other resources for the school.

95% of families receive SMS

94% of families receive Emails

93% of families have an Account

75% of families are using the Mobile App

44% of payments uptake

We would still encourage you to download the mobile app so that you are alerted to information immediately and to use the payment option for ease when paying for trips etc.

Thank you for helping us help you.



Important Dates Coming Up

21st - 25th February: HALF TERM

28th February: INSET Day School Closed for pupils.

1st March: Book Week

3rd March: World Book Day

11th March: Creative Arts Day

18th March: Red Nose Day

8th April: Last Day of Term

Next years term dates and INSET days (2022 - 2023) are now on the school website calendar.

Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell