

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 7 19th October 2018

This week marks the end of our first half term and it is hard to believe that our Reception children have been here for 7 weeks. They have settled in so well and even in that time, I have seen them really grow in confidence. Well done children! Last week, we held one of our first Open Afternoons for prospective parents. We showed around lots of families and our Year 6 children acted as tour guides. I received fabulous feedback from the parents visiting and I am really proud of each one of them. Next week is half term and I hope that you all have a lovely break and the children have time to rest. We come back on Monday 29th October and it will be Maths Week. Have fun everyone.

Free Workshop for Parents: On-line Safety

On the back of this newsletter is information regarding a free workshop for parents to support you with keeping your children safe on-line. This workshop has been organised by WSCC and Arun District Council in conjunction with O2, the NSPCC and children's charity Barnardo's. This is a **FREE** online safety workshop for parents called Stay Safe at the Newtown Sports & Social Club: 16A Greencourt Drive, Bognor Regis PO21 5EU at 6pm on Thursday 8th November. They would like parents, carers and guardians, grandparents and others to join them for this informative event delivered by trained NSPCC staff. The 2 hour workshop is a great opportunity to gain skills and knowledge to try and understand the internet and technology as children see it. The workshop will cover topics such as: online games and cyber bullying, through to setting up privacy settings and controls as well as ways to help you have the right conversations with your children about online safety. The training is aimed at 7 - 11 year olds; however parents of younger children may also find it useful. As this is an early evening session aimed at adults, children are unable to attend. Please ensure you have appropriate childcare arranged as there will be no one on site to look after your child. If you would like to attend the workshop please email them at: communitysafety.wellbeing@westsussex.gov.uk



Baby News

I have some lovely news to share with you. Mrs Hayley Leckey who works in Chestnut and Hazel class as a teaching assistant will be expecting a baby in the New Year. This is wonderful news and we send a big Team Bartons congratulations to Hayley and her husband. I'm not sure whether there is something in the water or not because we now have three staff members expecting babies very soon! We will keep you up to date when their due dates get nearer and we will look after them. Go Team Bartons Mummies.

Scholastic Book Fair.



Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair and who bought books from it. In a few days we sold lots of books that totalled £844.67. This is a great amount and gives us commission of over £500 to spend on new books for the library. Thank you so much and we are intending to buy new Atlases and 'longer read' books for the older children.

School Photographers

On Monday the school photographers were in school and the children looked really smart. I'm sure the photographs will be back very soon but a change this year is that Yellow would like you to make all of your orders and payments directly to Yellow themselves rather than through the school office. This will help speed up the process and allow parents to pay online. We hope that you will be happy with the photos this year.

Halloween Disco

Recently, there has been some discussion around the Friends of Bartons holding a Halloween disco for the children. Many have been really keen to have one and because this wasn't in the original calendar of dates, we have decided to switch the planned Film Night to a Halloween disco instead. This will mean that Film Night won't take place but the disco will be in its place on Friday 2nd November. Arrangements are now being made to put this together so please make a note of the date and tickets will be available straight after half-term.

Welcome

This week we have welcomed Yasmin to Oak class. It has been lovely to meet you and you have settled in really well already. We hope that everyone is looking after you and that you have a great year.

Have a great half term Regards Kate Powell