

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 21 5th March 2018

Well last week was certainly one of the coldest for many years with a wind chill that has felt more like -10 degrees. I am pleased to say that the children were very sensible and it has been good to see the children wrapped up warm with hats, scarves and gloves. Please continue to send these named items into school.

Thank you for your patience and support when we had to close on Friday. This was due to the potential risks of treacherous road conditions and the quickly changing forecast of heavy snow coming in. All the local Headteachers were talking to each other and we had to weigh up the risks of opening and then having to close again if the snow came in as predicted. The decision was made to keep everyone safe and I stand by that decision. I am sorry if the closure caused any problems. In view of any future adverse weather, please monitor the school website and we will let you know mainly by text. Further closure alerts and information can be found on the West Sussex County Council website and announcements will be made on local radio stations.

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who joined Mrs Eyre on Tuesday for the phonics meeting and thank you Mrs Eyre for organising it. I hope that you found it useful.

### Willow Class Assembly

On Thursday, Willow class presented their class assembly. On a very cold day, the Year 5 children warmed our hearts with some wonderful singing, glockenspiel playing and shared their responses to the their main literacy text. I watched them thinking how confident they were; very well done!

### History in Action

Last week we were joined in school by exciting guests. On Monday, Years 3 and 4 worked with the Rainbow Theatre group to explore drama and Shakespearean characters. Year 2 worked with Paul Ulson, exploring The Great Fire of London. I am really pleased to report that we received excellent feedback on how well the children listened and interacted for all of these activities. Well done children; very well deserved!

### Book Voucher

Each child has been given a World Book day £1 book voucher that can be used in book shops against the £1 special Book day book or gets £1 off any priced book. Offer runs until 25th March.

### Good Site Construction

Recently, we were approached by Berkley Homes to run a competition for our Year 5 children on the home builders behalf. The competition was to colour a poster running in conjunction with their 'Good Site Construction' initiative. The winning entries would then be exhibited around the local building sites. I am pleased to announce that Phoebe, Nicola, Logan and Calum were the chosen winners and were presented with a book token in assembly by Michael Berry and Janice from Berkley Homes. Well done children.

### FAB Year 5 and 6 Netball

Many congratulations to the netball team who took part in the netball tournament on Tuesday. Whilst battling the cold temperatures, the mixed team of Year 5 and 6 children played netball against other local schools. They played really well as a team, not ever giving up and won some of the games too. Ms Chandler, who runs our netball after school club, was extremely proud of them all especially as the other schools had some very tall children. Again, this team performance shows how Bartons children can show commitment, resilience and a positive Growth Mindset. Go Team Bartons!

### Mrs Carrie Oakley

I wanted to tell you that Mrs Oakley, who has been a part-time teacher at Bartons for several years, has decided to leave Bartons and finishes this week. Mrs Oakley has decided to devote her time to her family. We have thanked Mrs Oakley for her commitment and hard work and we wish her well for the future.

### Sport Relief

Sport Relief day is coming up on 23rd March. On this day, we invite the children to come to school dressed in their best sports kit/clothes. For this privilege, we would ask for a donation of £1 which supports this worthwhile charity. We hope that you will be able to join in. Thank you.

### Cancelled Parents Evening

On Thursday, we had to cancel the scheduled Parents Consultation Evening (3.30pm - 5.30pm) due to the adverse weather conditions. We will run this session again and will come back to you with a new date and appointments as soon as we can. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.