

Team Bartons



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This half term has certainly gone by quickly and the children have been working really hard on improving their skills in their lessons and through their work. It is so lovely for me to go into classrooms and for the children to want to show me their learning. The children always talk enthusiastically about what they are doing and what they are enjoying in class; there is nothing better than seeing a Bartons smile!

This week, the children took part in the national event Internet Safety day and, on Thursday, Creative Arts day. At Bartons, we feel it is important to teach our children a broad and balanced curriculum which gives them additional opportunities to excel in other areas, not just in the core subjects. The arts and computing is just one of many other areas that our children love. I hope they were able to tell you about what they did on these days. Thank you to the parents who attended the E-safety workshop on Tuesday. We hope that you found it useful and thank you to Miss De Silva for organising. Next week is half term and I hope that the children get some well earned rest and you are able to have some quality family time. Have fun and be safe.

Book Week Themes

Book Week is the week beginning the 12th March. On Thursday 15th, the children can come to school dressed as a book character. This years themes will be:

Elm Class: Traditional Fairy Tale characters

Beech Class: Julia Donaldson

Chestnut Class: Oliver Jeffers

Hazel Class: Roald Dahl

Year 4: David Walliams

Year 5: J. K. Rowling

Cedar Class: Any character from the class texts i.e. The Water Tower, Holes. Mr Hayne will explain further. We hope that you will take part in this fun day and please homemade costumes are best. We don't expect parents to buy costumes or to go to lots of trouble but to enjoy the occasion. If you need any help or ideas then please don't hesitate to ask your class teacher.

Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents/Carers



Mrs Eyre will run two Phonics meetings (on the same day) for parents on Tuesday 27th February. This will help to inform parents/carers on the expectations of the phonic screening test which the children will do in June. She will explain what the children need to know and how parents/carers can help their children at home. The meetings will be at 9am and again at 2.30pm on the 27th February. You will only need to come to one of them. We hope that you will be able to make it.

INSET Day—School Closed

I wanted to remind you that the school will be closed for pupils on Monday 19th February for school training. This follows the half term break which is from 12th - 16th February.

Parent Evening Sign Up Sheets

Parents Evenings are on the 27th February and the 1st March. Sign up appointment sheets are now available in the library. Please ensure that you book an appointment. If you are unable to pop into school to sign up then please call the office where Mrs Toone will be happy to book one for you.

Security After School Hours

Could I ask that our nearest neighbours to the school vicinity keep an extra eye on the school grounds in the evenings and at weekends please? This week, on Wednesday evening, two teenage boys were captured on CCTV skateboarding inside the internal school gates. This has been reported to the Police and their pictures will be circulated to the local secondary schools. Whilst they haven't done any damage, they have moved school property and are trespassing. If anyone knows anything about it or witnesses any future incidents, please contact the police. Thank you.

Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Matilda and Lucas who will be moving onto another school after half term. We hope that you will be very happy in your new school and that you stay in touch. Good luck and enjoy your new opportunities. We will miss you.

Scarlet Fever

This week, there has been a case of Scarlet Fever in our Year R class. We ask that parents be vigilant and look out for the following symptoms which include: *a sore throat, fever, headaches, swollen lymph nodes, and a characteristic rash. The rash is red and feels like sandpaper and the tongue may be red and bumpy.*