

Team Bartons



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Well what a difference a week can make with regards to the weather. This week has been considerably cooler and wetter! I hope that last weeks hot spell wasn't our summer!

The rehearsals for Annie Jr have picked up pace and we are not far away from our first performance. It is going to be a brilliant production and we are all really looking forward to it. Both the staff and children have been working really hard to put it all together and we have our new sound and lighting system in place to make it a very professional production. Tickets are on sale now for KS2 parents; please make sure you collect them soon. The allocation is four per family and they cost £3 each or four tickets for £10.

Well done to Elm class who did their class assembly this week to a packed hall. It was wonderful to see how much the children have grown and also how much they have grown in confidence. I really liked their William Worm story presentation.

Sports Day Afternoon and the Summer Fair

On Friday, we successfully held sports day and the Summer fair. Thankfully, the weather was kind and the afternoon went really well. It was great to see the children racing and competing for their new school houses and for the excellent support that all the parents and families gave the children during the afternoon. The family picnic lunch kicked off the wonderful family atmosphere which continued all afternoon. The children ran their hearts out in their events and we were all really proud of their effort and attitudes to taking part. Well done to all of Team Bartons but especially to Phoenix who narrowly beat Unicorn to first place with 118 points. The Summer Fair then followed and again, it was great to see everyone having fun. Early indications are that we have raised much more than last years total which will be used to buy much needed equipment for the children. Thank you to all of the helpers and staff who gave up their time to help; we really appreciate it. Special thanks must go to the FoBs committee and especially to Amie Holmes and Becca Hudson. You are superstars!

Attendance Cup



Congratulations to Hazel class who won the Attendance Cup this week with 85.2%. In the hall we now have a Team Bartons display where you can see the winners of the cup over the last few months. Regular attendance at school is very important and it is one area that Bartons really needs to improve.

Exciting Art Exhibition



This week we held our very own Art Exhibition! It was great to see so many of you attend and I hope you enjoyed seeing your children's art professionally framed and displayed. The children were very excited to see their work presented in that way. We are still totalling up the amount of money raised and thank all of you that bought the framed pictures. Thank you also to Mrs Hillier who organised the whole event.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please return all Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to school as soon as possible so that the total count can be done. The vouchers enable us to order a variety of sports equipment which is extremely helpful in providing different resources for the children. Thank you to everyone who has collected them for us.

Reverend Ann Clarke

On Wednesday, the school held a special assembly to say goodbye to Reverend Ann who is leaving the parish to return to Wanstead in East London. The children read some poems, sang some songs and shared their work as a way of saying thank you, good luck and farewell. Reverend Ann was very touched and spoke of her sadness for leaving the area and Bartons school but she is also excited about her new adventure. I'm sure you would join with the school in wishing her well. And that we will miss her.

New Year 6 Classroom

During the summer holidays the additional classroom needed for Year 6 in September will be installed on the school premises. We will be taking possession of a modular temporary building which will be repainted and refurbished inside ready for the new term. New furniture and IT equipment have been agreed and ordered. It will be positioned in the quiet area just in front of the school hall. Much preparation and negotiations have been taking place and we are happy with the outcome. I wanted to make parents aware that some of the ground works will be starting next week and some of the area near the hall and playground will be cordoned off. This will be secure and safe and should not impact on any part of the school day.

INSET Days

Next academic years INSET days are:

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September,

Monday 19th February,

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July.

School will be closed to pupils on these days.

Thanks for all of your support! Kate Powell