

# Team Bartons



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This week has certainly been a mixed bag of summer weather with some heavy down pours of rain and then the next day very warm unexpected temperatures. As we approach half term, I hope that the drier summer sunshine is on its way.

Although, there have been some very rainy days, it hasn't dampened our spirits and we have enjoyed hearing the KS2 children singing the songs from Annie as they begin to rehearse for our epic summer production. The cast and supporting roles have been announced and we are proud how supportive the children are being of each other. Remember to make a note of the dates; 11th and 12th July and details will follow after half term.

## Maths and English Workshops for Parents

**Maths:** Please don't forget that there will be a Maths Workshop for parents to show you our teaching and learning approach to Maths on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.30pm in the school hall.

**English:** We are also holding an English Workshop on Friday 26th May also starting at 2.30pm. This will be to give you an insight into the expectations of the English curriculum with a focus on handwriting, grammar, punctuation and phonics. The English team will be there to explain our approach and to answer any of your questions. Please do come along as we think you will find it very helpful.

## Staying Safe Online: Digital Parenting Magazine



Attached to this weeks newsletter is a copy of Digital Parenting Magazine for you. It's packed with great e-safety advice including a parent's guide to gaming, coping with online peer pressure and advice on cyber-bullying, social media and much more. We hope that you will find this very useful

and you can also find out more information by clicking the link on our e-safety page on our school website.

## Attendance Cup



Congratulations to Lime class who won the Attendance Cup this week with 100 %. In the hall we now have a 'Team

Bartons' display board that will show the winners of the Attendance Cup each week and the totals of the house points for each House.

## Hot Lunches for Universal Free School Meals in Year R to Year 2.

As you may know, children in Years R to 2 are entitled to a free hot school meal under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. This was a Government initiative brought in several years ago. Recently, we have been finding that on some days, there are a lot of plates left over which means there is a lot of wasted food being thrown away. I'm sure that you would agree that we should not be throwing good food away. The school meals have to be ordered over a week in advance and so the school office need to know when children will not be taking up the hot lunch meal and having their own packed lunch instead. This will really help us to plan the number of meals more accurately and so avoid any wasted food. Thank you for your support on this matter.

## New Staff Members



Last week, we held interviews to find our new Deputy Headteacher. We were fortunate to have so much interest and a field of excellent candidates to choose from. In the end, we interviewed three experienced candidates who had the skills that we were looking for. After a rigorous process, we unanimously appointed Mrs Ali Powell, no relation to me, who is a local senior teacher and SENCo. She will start with us in September and will visit the school this term to ensure that there is a successful handover from Mrs Gordon and to meet the staff and children properly. This is a great appointment for the school and we have no doubt that she will continue the great work of Mrs Gordon and will support me in leading the school forward. We will also be joined in September by Mrs Kate Calton who will join the teaching staff. She is another experienced and excellent teacher and she will also visit the school this term. When the new classes are announced, she will meet her new class. *Have a great weekend! Kate Powell*