

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School

### Newsletter 15

19th December 2018

I can hardly believe that this is my last newsletter of 2018 and as we hurtle towards Christmas and the New Year, I can look back at the term and be proud of our school. The children have worked hard and have risen to the many challenges in class. I have seen them all present their learning in their class assemblies with smiles and have enjoyed chatting to them in class about the things that they are doing. I have watched our Reception children settle into school and to start to grow in confidence. I really like to hear about the children's achievements outside of school and seeing their trophies and certificates from the various clubs they go to. I have watched with pride, the children perform in the Christmas production and singing carols so perfectly.

Today was Bartons Got Talent and our children really have got a wealth of talents. It was great to see Nene and Kiki perform a special dance as defending champions. Well done to all of the finalists but special congratulations to Eveleigh, Angel, Isla, Summer and Meri who came second and joint third place. Our champions this year were George and Noah, who sang a George Ezra song and got the whole audience dancing and singing. It was great fun and everyone did so well.

### Year 5 Athletics

Last week Mr Starr took a team of 18 Year 5 children to compete in the indoor Athletics competition. Yet again, our children showed positive spirit and did really well. They were strong in the javelin and were just pipped to the post. Well done to Kiki who stepped in to run a long distance race when someone pulled out. Mr Starr was proud of you all and said that even though we were up against Year 6's, everyone did their very best. Well done Year 5 Team Bartons!

## Newsflash - Very Exciting News!



As many of you will know, the school embarked on a Maths teaching and learning approach called Numicon nearly two years ago. Over that time, the school has invested heavily in classroom resources and training for school staff. The programme uses manipulative equipment to make Maths understanding clearer and more meaningful. Our children and staff very quickly enjoyed and embraced the resource based Maths teaching and, across the school, Maths has become a very popular subject.

I am thrilled to announce that after much discussion with the Oxford University Press and an intense audit of Maths teaching and learning, Bartons have been awarded the honour of becoming a Numicon Advocate school that recognises very good progress made in Maths and the quality teaching of the subject. It also allows us to help other schools in their journey by showing great examples of Maths teaching the Numicon way. What makes this award even more special is that we will be the only Numicon Advocate school in the whole of Sussex. I would like to say thank you to the staff who have positively embraced the programme and worked so hard. Special thanks to Lynne Lewis who co-ordinates Maths across the school and who supports the staff and children so well.

### Year 5 Swimming

The Year 5 children start swimming lessons in the New Year and the payment of £17 for 12 sessions is due by Monday 7th January. Fortunately, we have been able to heavily subsidise the cost to make things easier and so this represents excellent value.

### Happy Christmas



I would like to finish by saying on behalf of the staff and Governors thank you for all of your Christmas cards and generous gifts. You are very kind. Please have a lovely Christmas with lots of fun and Happy New Year when it arrives. See you back on Thursday 3rd January 2019.