



TEAM BARTONS

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Goodbye and Thank you

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Cook who is moving onto a new and exciting role outside of Bartons. Mrs Cook has been here for 7 years and has supported many children with their learning and first aid over the years. We will miss her laughter and positive support and wish her the very best of luck in her new role. Take care; we will all miss you very much.

Worthing Library

On Wednesday, the School Council members from Ash, Lime and Cedar classes visited Worthing library. They had a great tour of the library including seeing parts



which are not open to the public. They then carefully chose a new selection of books for our library. It was a lovely morning; the children were so keen to ask questions and find the best books for all of the school. Well done!

School Start Times

I want to remind you all again that we will be changing the start of the school day **from the 3rd January**.

There are signs all around school with this information on.

It will be as follows:

- * **The gates will open at 8.35am.**
- * **Class doors will be open for the children at 8.40am**
- * **Children must be in class ready to learn by 8.45am.**
- * **The gates will be locked at 8.50am.**
- * **Late arrivals after 8.50am will be marked as late.**

Early Morning Club times will not be affected. Please ensure that you will be ready for this change. Thank you.

Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering with ParentPay

You should now be in receipt of a paper copy of your activation code, to be able to log-in to ParentPay, to submit the hot meal options your child is having. Please note even if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home this also needs to be logged too, as every child has to be accounted for. Please remember that this is a new system being introduced by West Sussex County Council and this is not the school's decision and we are unable to opt out.

Currently **54%** of parents have activated their accounts which equate to **112** activated and **94 not activated**. We have had some great feedback in how easy the new system is to use - thank you! Please do this as soon as you can because if you don't, you may have problems in the future.

Abusive Comments Made on Social Media

At Bartons, we believe it's important for our pupils to learn how to treat others with respect, including when they're online. Parents have an important role to play in modelling this for their children.

We ask parents to kindly refrain from using inappropriate language, or from speaking about staff, parents and pupils in a way that is rude, offensive, intimidating or threatening. We expect all members of our community to treat each other with respect. As a Local Authority school, we have a zero tolerance approach to defamatory comments made about staff. We take complaints and concerns from parents seriously, and will try to resolve them as best we can. In order to do this, parents need to follow our complaints procedure, and raise any concerns by contacting the school directly.

Complaints raised on social media can't be addressed constructively. Our school Facebook page is intended to share news, celebrate success and to give out important messages. It is not for parents to write defamatory comments about school staff on there or to air their own personal opinions on school decisions. Please be supportive and if you have any concerns then please raise them using the correct channels. Thank you.



Have a great weekend. Best wishes Kate Powell