



# TEAM BARTONS

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Welcome

Welcome back everyone from Team Bartons! I hope that you all had an amazing summer with lots of fun times.

It is a shame that the weather was not so great. This week has been truly lovely and we have enjoyed being back with the children. They all look so grown up and smart. We have lots of exciting learning planned this year and we can't wait to share it with the children. This week, we welcomed Miss Reed, our new Year R Elm class teacher and Miss Rice, our new PPA teacher. We hope that you both enjoy your first week and are very happy here.



Welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined Bartons this term in Elm class. It has been lovely to see them all enjoying themselves and looking so smart. We also welcome Oscar to Chestnut class and Mila and Maja to Hazel class. Have a great time and we hope you settle in soon.

## School Attendance

School attendance is monitored and this includes children arriving at school on time. This is to ensure that lessons can begin on time without any disruptions. Punctuality really enables children to settle more quickly and to get into good habits and routines. Lateness and attendance is monitored closely. For any families who fall short of the expected attendance figure, advice and support can be sought from external agencies. Please remember that family holidays should not be booked during school terms and will not be authorised. Pupils are in school for 190 days each year which leaves 175 other days for holidays and activities. Research has shown that missed schooling does impact learning. Also please avoid booking routine medical and dental appointments during the school day. Thank you.

## Reminders and Helpful Information

- The school gate will be open at 8.35am.
- Children can go into class from 8.40am but must be in class ready to learn **by 8.45am**. The gates will be locked soon after. Any late arrivals will then need to be signed in at the main school office and a good reason given for being late. **Please start the year with positive punctuality routines. Persistent lateness can trigger a Fixed Penalty Notice.**
- The one-way system is in operation for an easier flow during busy times so enter through the entrance gate by the bike racks and exit by the playground. Please be supportive of this as it works well.
- School finishes for all children at 3.15pm.
- We have a school answer phone so if your child is ill and cannot attend school, please call school and leave a message before 9am. If we don't hear from you before 9am, it will be marked as an unauthorised absence and we will call you. A phone call or email message must be sent on every day of the absence.
- Early Morning Club is open from 8.15am. There is a daily charge of £1 for its use and parents should book and pay via ParentPay.
- Children should wear P.E kit on P.E days. This should be the correct P.E uniform in accordance with the uniform requirements on the website.
- Earrings must be removed for all P.E lessons/clubs.
- Children need a named water bottle every day.
- Please ensure all uniform items are named clearly.

Each class has a Class Page on the website which has information and photos of what the children have done in class. This year, there will be an overview of trips and activities coming up to help parents plan. Thank you.

*Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell*