

TEAM BARTONS



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I can hardly believe that a whole half term has gone by already and we have reached the half term holidays. After a very cold April and wet May, I hope that June is going to bring us the very needed warmer months. Things are already looking up for next week so please have a lovely half term. See you back on the 7th June.

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

This week, we have been really lucky to work with Chichester Festival Theatre who joined Years 4, 5 and 6 for a variety of workshops this week. Year 4 took part in a 'Matilda' inspired workshop whilst Years 5 and 6 did workshops inspired by Shakespeare's 'A Midsummers Nights Dream'. In addition, Year 6 also took part in a well-being - 'transition to Year 7' workshop. In all of the activities, the children had a wonderful time and had the opportunity to work with professional actors. Well done all of you! It was great!

YEAR 5 AT PAULTONS PARK

On Thursday, Lime class visited Paultons Park to take part in exciting coding workshops. They had an amazing time and Mrs Olliver said how motivated the children were towards everything! They also had the opportunity to go on the rides. This was a huge success and so well done Lime class for representing Team Bartons so well.

NUMICON DAY

To add to this exciting week in school, we finished the week off with a celebration day of everything Numicon. The children and the staff really love Maths at Bartons and as a designated Numicon Advocate school, we use Numicon as our approach to developing Maths understanding, confidence and skills. The day was filled with lots of exciting Maths activities and the children showed us just how much they enjoy Maths. Mrs Lewis spent the day happily videoing activities in order to produce a film which will show our approach to Maths.

WELCOME



In the last week, we have welcomed Niko and Claire who have started here with us at Team Bartons. They have made a great start to school and I hope that you will be very happy here.

ABSENCE REQUESTS

Recently, we have received more requests than usual for absence which do not fall into the authorised categories. Please be aware that requests for family days out and children's birthdays will not be authorised. We are also unable to authorise family holidays during term time. This term, we have also become aware of children being asked to lie and say they are sick when in fact they have been on holiday or have been taken out for their birthday or gone to theme parks for the day. We have the absence request form in school and we rely on parents to be truthful. In the case that a message is left on the school answer phone stating that the child is unwell and then later on, it is found that this is not true, the illness mark recorded will be changed to an unauthorised absence. Please work with us and be truthful so that your child can be too. Thank you.

AFTER - SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you for with your patience with the school clubs. Today we will be sending home slips with the allocated clubs on and lists will be up in classroom windows. The clubs were very oversubscribed so some children may be disappointed. We had many families asking for clubs that weren't offered for their bubbles. We have worked hard to make this work and collate the lists, and so we hope that you appreciate the time it has taken to achieve this.

FUNDRAISER FOR LEO

I'd like to give a big Team Barton's thank you to you all for supporting our fundraiser for Leo. Today, we have raised in excess of £550. This is a great effort and will help the family in more ways than one. On behalf of his parents, and Abby and Bella, thank you for your generosity. It makes me proud that we can help someone else out at such an awful time. *Happy Half Term! Best wishes Kate Powell*