



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
BARTONS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that the end of another school year is upon us. A school year that has seen so much going on. Our children have had another exceptional year and continue to surprise and amaze.

The school library is fully operational and the external classroom and garden area are looking amazing, the children have been telling us about the great things that they have been learning there.

There have also been several exciting trips from museums to theme parks and of course, the Year 6 residential. The feedback we have received from some places visited was overwhelming that our children were a pleasure to host, something we should all be proud of. The end of the year will always bring some emotion. Our current Year 6 cohort will be moving on to secondary education in the autumn term. This is the first cohort that I have seen from Year 1 to Year 6 and school is not all about learning Maths, English, and Science. In synergy with you, it is an important part of developing who they are. Seeing the young people they have become is simply awesome. They have worked hard and achieved and although they are moving on, the foundations laid for them at Bartons will place them well in the next chapter. Well done Year 6, you have done yourselves proud, we would all like to wish you the very best for the future.

Throughout the year, the two committees of the Governing Body work with the school to ensure that the curriculum is not only delivered but delivered in the best way possible by making sure that the resources are available for the teaching staff to do what they do best. We are now back to our pre - Covid activities with visits, learning walks, and engaging with staff and the children, and as a parent myself, I am constantly impressed with our teaching team and the staff that supports them. The evidence of a culture of continuous improvement is incontrovertible which is the best news for the children.

Further evidence of the great work that has been done is the fact that we were oversubscribed for new admissions. Whilst we should be rightly proud of the school's reputation, it is tinged with sadness that so many families who wanted children here did not get their wishes granted. I would like to add that as a school, we have no influence on how the places are allocated.

The uncertainty nationally has been a challenge to the school. The rise in prices of everything from energy to food, teaching supplies, transport, etc has meant that the budget has had to stretch further. The challenge has been faced head-on by the staff and through prudence, financial management, and your support, the school ends the year in a healthy position but we (team Bartons) are aware that we need to keep our 'eye on the ball'.





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I would like to thank Mrs Baker, our Business Manager who has done a remarkable job managing the budgets and ensuring we get value for every penny we spend. I would also like to thank Mrs Powell and all of the staff who have delivered another excellent year of education and support throughout the school. Finally, I would like to thank the friends of Bartons for their amazing ongoing support. The money that they raise is phenomenal and through them, we can improve the facilities to give the best environment for our children to learn and thrive. The amount of thought and sheer hard work that they put into the fundraising events should not be underestimated. But of course, their efforts would not achieve what they do without your support and generosity and I thank you all for that.

So it leaves me to wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer holiday and I look forward to catching up with you in the next school year.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Barratt

Chair of the Governing Body

Bartons Primary School

