

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 5 9th October 2020

Last week, despite some of the awful weather we had, Year 6 successfully and cheerfully took part in the annual Bikeability cycling training. This is a programme run by West Sussex County Council. This year, the children worked in very small groups with the WSCC trainers and so had a more personal experience. Mr Hayne was very impressed with the children's positive attitudes and I am proud to say that the trainers praised the excellent behaviour and approach demonstrated by the children to the sessions. Well done everyone - even being soaked (Friday's group), you all really enjoyed it.

Walking, Cycling and Scootering to School

Last week, one of our children was sadly knocked off their bike by a car on the Chichester Road zebra crossing by a car that didn't stop on a red light. Thankfully, the child was not injured but was naturally very shocked. Whilst this was the driver's error, the family of the child and I wanted to remind all families about being vigilant on your way to school whether it is by walking, cycling or scootering. Please can parents remind their children about staying alert, not running or riding too far ahead and generally just being more aware of their surroundings. It is rare and unfortunate that accidents happen but of course, sometimes they do. If our children understand the potential risks and are reminded often, then we have at least done as much as we can to keep them safe.

Children Online out of School

We have been made aware that some of the children in Year 5 and 6 are using social media apps like Tik Tok and WhatsApp. Whilst, we cannot dictate what your child uses, please be mindful to check regularly the content of what they are posting and their privacy settings. Some apps like Tik Tok carry age restrictions and so are not appropriate for young children.

Maths Week 19th - 23rd October



Don't forget that Maths Week is coming up and we will be focussing on Times Tables Rock Stars. On Friday 23rd October, we would like the children to come dressed to school as a 'Rock Star'. KS2 children can come dressed as their TT Rock Star avatar (they will know what their avatar looks like). For the privilege of dressing up as a Maths Rock Star, a donation of £1 to support our online Maths resources, which can be used at home, would be appreciated. 'Numbots' is a new online platform that we have to practice addition and subtraction facts. EYFS and KS1 children will have a Numbots login and KS2 can also access it too using their TT Rock Stars login. If you have any questions then please ask your class teacher. We hope you will support this day but it is not compulsory. You will need to download the apps onto a tablets/phone. Children learn number and table facts best when they practice daily for 10 minutes every day. Please encourage your child to use Numbots and TT Rock Stars regularly at home to help their Maths. Thank you for your support.

Individual School Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Monday so please make sure they are wearing the correct uniform and have their best smiles ready.

Starting Primary & Secondary School 2021

The windows for applying for school places in 2021 are now open. If your child is in Year 6 then you will need to apply to West Sussex County Council for a secondary school place by the 31st October. Failure to meet this deadline could result in being allocated a school that is not on your preferred school list. Please see the posters around school. If you have a child who will start primary school next September, then the window for applying has just opened. The closing date for applications is the 15th January 2021. The National notification offer days are 1st March for secondary places and 16th April for Reception places.

Have a great weekend! Regards Kate Powell