

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School

Newsletter 6

11th October 2019

This week, the children have been working hard in lessons. It has been great to see them settled in class and making good progress. On Tuesday we held our annual Harvest Festival led by Rev. Jo. It was lovely to see the food contributions that we collected in support of the Bognor Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

On Tuesday, Year 6 worked with Chichester Festival Theatre and Paul Ullson on creative and dramatic activities. The staff were really impressed with the work they created.

On Thursday, we held the first of our Open Afternoons for prospective parents. The House Captains and School Council acted as tour guides to show our many visitors around. I am proud to say that all of the feedback was extremely positive and the children were really praised for their confidence and maturity. Well done children and I am so pleased that you did such a great job of showing off your school.

Yellow School Photographs

On Monday, the school photographers Yellow will be in school to take individual and school aged sibling photographs. Please ensure that the children are in correct uniform. If you want to provide the children with a hairbrush so that they can do any hair tidying then please do so.

Flu Vaccination

The flu vaccination will be administered to the children with consent on Monday 14th October in the afternoon. The nasal spray is quick and painless and is carried out by the health service nurses. There is no risk to children being exposed to the virus and so children should attend school as normal.

Travel Survey

Berkeley Homes have informed us that they have instructed contractors to undertake a travel survey on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October in Lethaby Road. This shouldn't cause any disruption and they will not be taking any photographs.

Parents Evening Sign Up Sheets

The sign up sheets for Parents Consultation Evenings are now available in the school library. Please sign up for an appointment time which is convenient, if you haven't already done so. If you are unable to sign up in person, then please call the school office where the ladies will be able to help you find an appointment time. Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 15th October between 4.30pm and 7.30pm and Wednesday 16th October between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Parents should be aware that appointments are ten minutes long and teachers do need to stay on time to ensure that appointments do not over run unnecessarily. Please help us in achieving this. On both evenings, the Governors will be joining us and will offer teas and coffee to parents waiting. Please say hello to them and grab a cuppa while you wait. They would be happy to chat to you.

Applications for Starting Primary School in Reception for September 2020

The application window for starting primary school places in September 2020 is now open. Parents have until the 15th January 2020 to apply to West Sussex County Council for a school place.

Year 6 Survival Night

Well done to Year 6 who stayed over at school on Thursday night to experience 'survival night'. The children took part in a variety of activities and had great fun before settling in for the night. I am pleased to report that the children all went to sleep (eventually) and were in good spirits this morning at breakfast time. This is a very worthwhile activity where the children can adjust to sleeping away from home for one night. For many children this is their first time and it prepares them well, surrounded by their friends and in a familiar setting, for the Year 6 residential and for future school activities. I expect that they will all sleep well tonight; I know that the staff will! Huge thanks must go to Mr Hayne and Mrs Lewis who organised the night and also to Mrs A. Powell and Mrs Byng who stayed too to support the children. The staff willingly give up their own time and I am so grateful, especially when the staff are working so hard at the moment.

General Reminders

Future events coming up are:

Maths Week: 21st - 25th October

INSET Day: 4th November. School closed to pupils

Science Day: 18th November

Have a great weekend! Best Wishes Kate Powell