

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 5 27th April 2020



Well, the sun has continued to shine and I hope that I find you all safe and well. This is the fifth week of lockdown and we are missing the children very much. I look forward to my days working in school when I can see some of the children and their smiling faces. I enjoy hearing how they are. Just to reassure you, social distancing is managed in school well and constant hand washing continues.

Over the last few weeks, the government have released a lot of helpful guidance for the public. One document that may be of interest to you is about supporting your child/ren and their mental health whilst we all adjust to lockdown. Please use the link below to have a read.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Please do continue to contact us if you have any concerns or questions and we will help the best we can. Keep going because you're all doing a good job. Last week, I reported that free school meals vouchers were now being distributed by Edenred. The company have had major system problems and for schools this has been very frustrating but we have been assured that these problems have now been sorted and so you should receive the £15 (per child) shopping voucher each week.

Here is this weeks words of wisdom from me to help you remember to look after yourselves:

“Life is all about balance. You don't always need to be getting stuff done. Sometimes it's perfectly okay, and absolutely necessary, to shut down, kick back, and do nothing.” Lori Deschene.



Week Beginning Monday 27th April

School continues to be open but only for key worker and vulnerable children only. A few parents made contact last week to ask if their children could come into school or if they could have different work set. Can I please remind parents that the rules around who can attend school are very strict given the current circumstances and so even if you and the children are finding it difficult, we are unable to say yes because children are much safer at home. Please trust me that all parents are finding it hard but we must follow the rules to ensure that our families are safe. I'm finding the challenge of running the school from home and in school and also home schooling my own son tricky too but we all need to hang in there. It isn't easy but we are all united in this together. With regard to the work being set by the teachers, this is going very well and our staff have gone over and above what is expected. This makes me proud. The teachers are planning and setting great work, supporting and feeding back to the children and doing their other work responsibilities on a daily basis. Setting different work for individuals would therefore be unnecessary and impossible. Just remember that if your child is struggling to do or complete any/all of the work then please don't worry. Don't battle with the children but keep them occupied with a range of reading, writing and maths activities. These are all relevant and will keep them learning; albeit a bit differently.

Thank you for everyone who has liked our Facebook page. We have loved showing you the range of work that the children are doing at home and so keep sending in what they have done. So for now keep going, take care, stay safe and well all of you.

Have a good week! Kate Powell.

