

Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 12 16th June 2020

This week the sun has returned and the children have enjoyed being outside once again. I'm happy to say that the children continue to cope well with this new way of learning and who knew just how well young children could socially distant! I hope that you are all well and you and your family are staying safe.

## **Class Photographs**

This term, we normally have class photographs taken which are a lovely memento to have and to keep. Sadly, we are unable to do this this year due to Covid-19 but Yellow, the school photographers, are offering to collate the individual photographs to make a class one. In the next week or two, they will send us the proofs and parents will be allowed to come and collect them in order to order directly from Yellow, if you want one. If your child is in school, then we will send them home with them.

## Year 6 Hoodies

This is a reminder for Year 6 parents, who haven't already done so, to order their child's hoodie direct from JWSports. The deadline for orders is 20th June and after this time JWSports will not be able to honour any late requests. Here is the link for ordering.

https://www.jwsports.net/product.php/6997/ bartons\_leavers\_hoodie

# <u>Autumn Term September</u>

Like many parents across the country, you are probably wondering what the return to school will look like in September. The answer to that is we don't know yet. Just to reassure you, I will let you know at the earliest point that I can.

## Wider School Opening

Following the success of the return to school by Year R, 1 and 6, we have assessed our risk assessments and school environment and we have decided to invite Year 5 back to school for a short time before the end of the summer term. This would give Year 5 pupils the opportunity to prepare for Year 6. Sadly, we are unable to invite any other year aroups back into school due to the constraints of social distancing measures, lack of space and staff. Having to set 2m distances in classrooms and the school building limits our capacity and so we are only able to accommodate small numbers in each room. Please could all Year 5 parents, who haven't done so yet, respond to the very quick survey sent out via text on Monday. The deadline is Thursday 18th June. This information allows us to plan and make provision. After Thursday, we will not be able to accommodate you if you do not reply. Please understand that careful planning and set up of the classroom space is required and this takes a lot of time and organisation. We have been taking many enquiries about children coming back to school. We will of course always try our best to help but can I remind everyone that although we understand how difficult this situation has been, unless you are a key worker (on the gov.uk agreed list) or your child has an additional need, we will be unable to help you due to the lack of capacity. If parents are at home, the advice remains to keep the children at home. We do have a waiting list where class groups are full where places can only be offered if there is space. I hope that that clarifies the current situation.

## Online Payments: ParentMail

Our new online payment and communication system is nearly ready and so shortly, you will receive an email/text direct from ParentMail where you will need to register and then follow the instructions for easy set up. Please ensure that you do this.

Have a great week. Stay safe and well. Kind regards Kate Powell.

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