

Bartons Primary School Newsletter 13 11th December 2020

As we head towards the end of term, I have been thinking about all of the positives this term that we have achieved in this uncertain world. This time last year, we had just had our Ofsted inspection and we were riding on the euphoria of the amazing feedback and the great outcome which the school so strongly deserved. For the new year, we were excited about all of the planned experiences and opportunities for the children from our newly redesigned curriculum. Who knew that we were heading into a global pandemic and the turbulence of the whole year about to unfold. Following the summer and after months of planning, we were thrilled to be back to school in September with all of the children. I'm sure as parents, you were unsure as to what to expect but the term has gone really well and the children have returned to learning exceptionally well. Our Year R children, despite a different kind of transition to starting school, settled very guickly and are already proving to be a great class. Well done everyone and with four days to go, I hope that we reach Thursday without any complications! Fingers crossed.

FOBS Christmas Market and Activities

This term, our Christmas fundraising activities have been virtual and it has been fantastic what the FOBS have achieved. The total made so far from the virtual market, bake sale, competitions, decorations, stall holders and raffle is an impressive £1003.65. This is truly amazing and I can't thank you all enough for engaging so well. All of the winners will be posted today on the FOBS Facebook page; congratulations to all of them. I would like to say huge thanks to the FOBS committee who have worked so hard , sometimes late into the night, to organise these activities. It is such an achievement. From the jokes, Lyndsey's bedtime story, quizzes, Caldecott family baking, folding 100's of raffle tickets and collating prizes; THANK YOU!

<u>Farewell</u>

At the end of term, we say a very sad goodbye to one of our most valued Governors Amanda Oyns. Amanda has served on the Governing Body for 5 years and has been an integral part of the school development and improvement journey. Governors are volunteers and Amanda has willingly given up her own time to support me and the school. On behalf of the whole school and Governing Body, thank you so much Amanda for your dedication and fantastic support to Bartons. You have been outstanding and we will miss you very much. Please stay in touch as you are a friend to Bartons forever. Please enjoy your well earned rest.

<u>Term Dates</u>

As set out in the school calendar, school finishes next week on **Thursday 17th December**. There is an INSET day on Friday 18th and so school is closed. The term starts again on **Monday 4th January 2021**.

Chartwells Hot Meal Holiday Return Menu

The menu for hot dinners when we return from the Christmas break will be: <u>Menu Day 1:</u> Jacket Potato with Baked Beans OR Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (Contains FISH, EGG, MUSTARD) Sweetcorn and Beetroot Salad Pudding of the Day Milk or Water (Contains MILK) <u>Menu Day 2:</u> Hot Dog Sausage with $\frac{1}{2}$ Jacket Potato and Baked Beans Sweetcorn and Beetroot Salad Pudding of the Day

Milk or Water (Contains MILK)

Holy Cross Christmas Tree Trail

Earlier in the week, we emailed you the details of the Christmas Tree trail around the local community being run by Holy Cross Church. Using the map, find all of the Christmas Trees and find the letters to reveal a word and win a prize. We hope you will be able to support this lovely event. It takes place on Saturday 12th & 19th of December from 10am until 1pm and Sunday 13th & 20th December from 12pm until 3pm. Good luck! *Have a great weekend! Regards Kate Powell*

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A Powell

Chairs of Governors: Mrs C. Neaves