







Bartons Primary School Newsletter 11 27th November 2020

This week has flown by, once again, and there have been more moments of amazing work achieved by the children. This morning, I have chatted with and presented the Stars of the Week and Maths Masters with their achievement stickers. I love seeing the pride on their faces and hearing about their work in class. Well done this weeks recipients.

Sadly, this week, we had our first positive case of coronavirus. This has meant that 4 members of staff and 32 children have had to stay at home to self-isolate for 14 days. Fortunately, we were able to contact the DfE and Public Health/NHS quickly for their guidance and they instructed me in what to do. The discussions that take place analyse 'close and direct contact' and so we are able to determine who may have been at risk and who is not. I was told very clearly that the risk to any other children and staff in the school was low and so no further action should be taken. The class areas around this bubble were deep cleaned and so every precaution has been taken. Naturally, it is a worry to all of us and many of you had questions which of course, we were only too happy to answer. Please remember that the decisions we take are told to us by the authorities and so if you chose to not send your child to school when you should, then we won't be able to provide work at home and the local authority will have to be informed. All decisions at Bartons are always taken with high regard to the safety and well-being of the children, staff and parents. We always ensure that we are making the right decisions for all of us.

Relationships and Sex Education Consultation

At the beginning of term, I told you that in preparation for finalising our new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, we would be seeking parents views and comments as part of our consultation process. Please take a look at the documents on our website. You can find them in the *Parents* section then click on *Parent Consultation: Relationships and Sex Education*. Please return any comments to the office email address by Friday 4th December. Thank you.

Children In Need Day

For Children in Need day we ran a variety of competitions including the best decorated money box. Today I can announce the names of the children who collected the most money in their money box. They are:

Henry - Cedar, Rowan - Lime, Eleanor - Ash, William - Hazel, Ruby-Rose - Chestnut, Elsie - Beech and Maddie - Elm. Very well done! I can also tell you that the class that collected the most money was Beech class. Amazing effort so well done Beech class and thank you to all of the winners and rest of the school who supported the charity so well. We raised a total of £996.52 which is outstanding. Thank you so much.

<u>Chartwells West Sussex Christmas Activity</u> <u>Competition 2020</u>

Attached with this newsletter email are details of a competition from Chartwells our hot meal provider. They would like the children to use the instructions attached to make a Christmas decoration, complete the quizzes and then email their entries into them by the 17th December. It looks really festive and there are a variety of prizes. Please read them carefully and follow their instructions of what to do. Good luck!

Class Assemblies

As promised, the classes have been preparing to put together a short presentation for parents to securely view instead of our normal class assembly. In the next week, you will be given a link to the 'assembly' so look out for that. We hope you enjoy them.

Have a great weekend! Regards Kate Powell

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A Powell Chairs of Governors: Mrs C. Neaves