

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 6 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017



On Monday we held our annual Harvest Festival special assembly. We were joined by Rev. Colin from Holy Cross Church who told the children stories about his trip to Africa and led our prayers. Each class did a mini presentation which included harvest poems, rhythms, Water Aid facts, prayers and art work. It was a lovely celebration of being thankful and we were especially proud of the amount of donations of food and household items that the children brought in. Thank you so much for supporting our Harvest Festival and the homeless charity Stone Pillow who were very grateful for the donated items. It is important for the children to think of others who are less fortunate and to know the real value of every day things.

On Thursday, the school councillors in Years 5 and 6 spent a lovely day at The Regis School joining other school councils from across Felpham and Bognor. Mrs A Powell accompanied the children and really enjoyed seeing our children interact positively with other children and confidently approaching the tasks and discussions. Well done to Finn and Vienna, Joshua and Summer and Lenny and Zuzanna. We are all proud of you for representing our school so well.

On Tuesday, we held our first Open Afternoon of the year for prospective Year R places for 2018. We had many families who came to visit the school in action and they were shown around by Year 5 and 6 children who acted as tour guides. It is great to see that Bartons continues to be a popular choice for local families and our children, once again, did us proud. The feedback that I received from the families looking around was excellent. Each tour guide enthusiastically showed around the visitors and were proud to show off their school. Well done to all of the children who helped; I will probably ask you to do it all over again next month!

**If your child is due to start school next September then remember to apply online through West Sussex County Council before the 15th January 2018.**



### Games and Toys

We're still looking for any nearly new/very good condition board games that you may no longer want that are suitable for KS2 aged children. Cedar class would be thrilled to get some new games to play at wet break times. Also, Elm class are looking for good quality unwanted dolls with dolls clothes, dolls prams/pushchairs and toys. We are happy to take any donations but please bear in mind that they should be complete, clean and good quality. Thank you so much in advance of your help.

### Target Sheets for Parents Evenings

Following feedback from last years parents questionnaire and in preparation for parents consultation evenings next week, we have devised a target sheet that will go out today that will tell you how your child is doing and in what areas of learning we would like them to work on. This is to keep you up to date with their learning and the targets can be discussed at parents evening. We hope that you will find that helpful and if you haven't signed up already, the parents evening appointment slots are still available in the library.

### Clubs Next Thursday

Please bear in mind that next Thursday (19th) the following clubs will be cancelled due to Parents Evenings. These will be Accelerated Reader, First-Aid and the Really Exciting Publishing Club.

### School Photographs

On Monday, the school photographers Yellow will be in school for individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure that the children are in the correct uniform and please note, as previously stated on the diary dates, the photographers can no longer offer family group photographs for siblings that don't attend school due to the size of the school.

### Beech Class Assembly

Next Thursday, Beech class will be our first class assembly of the school year. Beech class parents are invited to come along and join us at 9.15am.

### School Games Bronze Award



Last term, we applied for the School Games Award which recognises commitment to positive engagement in sport. I am pleased to say that Bartons was awarded a bronze award and this reflects the development of sport that we are building across the school. Well done everyone and Mrs Morris for your hard work!