

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 1 7th September 2016

A very warm welcome to you all. I hope that you and your family had a great summer break and are looking forward to the new school year.

This is my first newsletter as the new Bartons Headteacher. I am delighted to be here and I am thrilled to be joining such a wonderful school team. It has been good to see many of you in the morning and I hope that I can meet many more of you over the coming term. I will, together with Mrs Gordon, be on the school gates most mornings, when I can, to greet you and welcome the children to school. Do stop and say hello and I will work really hard to learn family names.

You may find it useful to know that I have worked in West Sussex schools for over 23 years. I have worked in 6 Primary schools and that this is my third headship. I come with a lot of experience and have a lot of ideas for enhancing and further developing the learning opportunities for the children. This includes further planning to establish the school with its full complement of children (Year 6 pupils) by the end of 2018.

I have always valued a positive partnership between school and home and I am committed in achieving this; knowing my community well.

I would like to hold a 'come and meet the Headteacher for coffee and cake' in the school hall to hear your views, wishes and to answer any questions that you may have.

This will be on Thursday 15th September at 2.30pm. Please do come along if you can.

I like to have an open door policy and so please make an appointment if you would like to discuss anything with me or call at a convenient time. I will always come back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you and best wishes. Mrs Kate Powell



Welcome

Welcome to our new children who have started school this term in Year R. It has been lovely to see them enjoying their new surroundings and looking so smart. We also welcome other new children to other classes across the school. They are Jessica, Christina, Vienna-Bay and Connor. We hope you have enjoyed your first few days and settle quickly. We are also thrilled to welcome back Mrs Baker in the school office following her sickness leave. She is looking fantastic and I know that everyone is pleased to have her back at school.

The Start of the School Term

One of the areas which Headteachers are required to oversee is school attendance and this includes children arriving at school on time. Please ensure that the children arrive at school on time by 9am and that they have everything that they need i.e. P.E kit. **From Monday, the school gates will be locked at 9.05am and any late arrivals will then need to be signed in at the main school office.** This is to ensure that lessons can begin on time without any disruptions. Punctuality really enables children to settle more quickly and to get into good habits and routines.

I have been very happy to see that the children have returned to school looking very smart. Just as a reminder, please ensure that children have sensible, suitable school shoes and do not wear trainers as part of their uniform.

The staff have discussed having a school P.E kit to complement the uniform. This will be introduced later in the term but just to reassure you, it will be a generic uniform that could be purchased in any supermarkets and stores locally. I would like to introduce a 'house system' and P.E t-shirts could reflect the house that the children belong to. Watch this space for more information.

School INSET Dates (2016-2017)

Please make a note of the following dates where school will be closed to pupils for staff training.

FRIDAY: 9th SEPTEMBER 2016

TUESDAY: 3rd JANUARY 2017

MONDAY: 5th JUNE 2017

FRIDAY: 7th JULY 2017

There will be a full list of useful dates for the school year in due course. You may have noticed that the new style newsletter includes the heading Team Bartons. Following the amazing Rio Olympics, the staff have adopted the term 'Team' to reflect our commitment to working together.