



It is hard to believe that we have nearly reached the end of term. Over the last few weeks, school has been very busy and there have been a few school trips. Year 5 recently went to the Winchester Science Centre and Year 3 went to Chichester Festival Theatre to watch Jina and the STEM sisters. Both trips were about science topics and the children absolutely loved the learning that they encountered. Well done children; Go Team Bartons!

## A Fireside Nativity

This week, we were treated to our first 'live' Christmas production in three years. The children in Beech, Chestnut and Hazel classes performed three performances of A Fireside Nativity to a packed audience each time. Even with many children feeling under the weather and some absent through illness, the production was a triumph; it really showed the many talents of the children and their enthusiasm and confidence in working together to perform a brilliant show. Thank you to all of you that sourced a costume and for helping your child learn all of the words. Huge thanks must go to the Year 1, 2 and 3 staff who spent many hours planning and co-ordinating the show to make it the best Christmas production ever. Special thanks to the teachers Mrs Knights, Mrs Calton, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Hazelden for all of their hard work.



## School Start Times

From the 3rd January, school opening times will be:

- \* The gates will open at 8.35am.
- \* Class doors will be open for the children at 8.40am
- \* Children must be in class ready to learn by 8.45am.
- The gates will be locked at 8.50am.
- Late arrivals after 8.50am will be marked as late.

Early Morning Club times will not be affected. Please ensure that you will be ready for this change. Thank you.

## **Christmas Market**



Thank you to all of you who came along to the Christmas Market last Friday. It was wonderful to see the school hall busy once again after a three year break due

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to the pandemic. It felt very Christmassy especially with the choir singing carols and Santa in his grotto. Thank you for all of your contributions and to the staff that stayed to help. Huge thanks must go to the Friends of Bartons who have worked so hard for months; giving their time willingly to bring Christmas to us. Thank you ladies for another amazing event. We're still counting up up all of the proceeds and will let you know how much we raised asap.

## **Diary Dates**

14th December: Carol Concert (Years 4, 5 & 6) at 2.15pm
15th December: Elm Class Nativity Assembly at 9.30am.
Parents welcome to come along. Last day of term.
16th December: INSET day - School closed for pupils.
3rd January: Back to School. Science Week.

Have a great weekend. Best wishes Kate Powell