

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 14 17th December 2020



This is the last newsletter of the year and looking back, what a different year it has been. I'm sure it will be the same for many of us but I certainly don't wish to repeat a year like this one again. There has been so much disruption, heart ache and uncertainty to all of our lives and so with a new year around the corner, let's hope that it brings us peace, good health, security and safety.

Thank you to all of you that have given all of the staff so much support. On behalf of the staff, thank you for all of the lovely cards, gifts and kind wishes that you have given us. It has been greatly appreciated.

In view of the disrupted year, I would like to pay tribute to the amazing staff at Bartons. In every role that they do, they have gone over and above what is expected and more than ever, have shown that Team Bartons is stronger than ever. We take great pride in what we do and everything is always for the children. Just lately, in the national press, teachers have been accused of not working hard during the crisis. This is simply not true: we have the most dedicated teachers who have worked tirelessly all year. Thank you for everything - you are amazing! It just leaves me to say Happy Christmas, Happy New Year and please keep yourselves safe.

### Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we say goodbye to Hugo, Olivia and the family who are moving out of the area. We wish you lots of luck for the future and do stay in touch with your friends here.

### Term Dates

School finishes today on **Thursday 17th December**. The term starts again on **Monday 4th January 2021**.

### Risk Assessment Changes

Please ensure that you have read the updated Covid-19 risk assessment which was emailed out to all families yesterday. It outlines the changes to the starting time for Elm class from January. Thank you.

## Farewell and Happy Retirement



Today, we say goodbye to dear Mrs Wendy Toone in the school office. Mrs Toone has worked at Bartons for

30 years and in that time, she has held a variety of different roles and has worked alongside many staff including several Headteachers. Wendy is a very special lady who is kind, hardworking and an integral part of Bartons. This week we have been able to shower her with gifts and special cards in honour of her dedication to the school. We will miss her calm and happy approach very much but I know that she will now be able to relax, travel more and spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Wendy; thank you for everything. Your support, your hard work, your kindness to everyone and your commitment to our school community past and present. We will miss you but I know that you will be a part of Team Bartons forever. Happy retirement!

## NHS Test and Trace

Please ensure that you have read the letter emailed out today to all families concerning the arrangements of what to do if your child has Covid-19 symptoms and a positive test result. The letter outlines timescales and who to contact if you find yourself in that situation. Please note that the arrangements are only for your child.

## Bartons Christmas Nativity

Following the turbulence of the year and the current restrictions in place, the staff wanted to bring some Christmas cheer with a whole school 'low-key' Christmas nativity. To watch it, go to the school website and click on Exciting Learning and then Christmas 2020. We hope that you enjoy it - it is really lovely! Thank you to Miss Cook for producing the whole event and Isaac for playing the violin so brilliantly.

## Holy Cross Christmas Tree Trail

Don't forget that Holy Cross are running their Christmas Tree trail around the local community this weekend. It takes place on Saturday 19th of December from 10am until 1pm and Sunday 20th December from 12pm until 3pm.

*Have a great Christmas! Regards Kate Powell*