

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 17 26th May 2017



This week, we have finally seen the arrival of summer and it has been lovely to see happy smiley faces outside at break times. With temperatures climbing, please remember to send the children into school with a water bottle which can be refilled, a sun hat/cap and sun cream which the children can apply themselves easily. These should all be named please. Lets hope that the long term forecast is fine, warm and sunny!



Well done to Beech Class and the staff with the first class assembly of the term. It was lovely to see how much the Year 1 children have grown in confidence when presenting their work to an audience. Well done also to Year 4 who enjoyed a lovely day at Chichester Marina as part of their rivers topic. The staff were very happy to report excellent behaviour. Thursday was Science Investigation Day and inspired the children to explore science creatively. It was a fun day and thank you Mr Hayne for organising the activities.

Following the sad news in Manchester this week, I'm sure that you, like me, have held your children a bit closer and it certainly makes you appreciate the small things in life. Whilst we do not talk to the children directly about such atrocities, so as not to scare them, we regularly talk to them about keeping themselves safe and we are always here to answer their questions should they arise. School staff are ever mindful of ensuring the children's safety and are always vigilant so I can reassure you that security here is paramount.

### Class Photos

Last week, you received the proofs of this years class photos. Prices start from £10.50 and the closing date for orders is Tuesday 6th June. The main photos can be viewed in classrooms and if you would like to order one then please return the form and money by then.

### INSET Day 5th June

School will be closed for pupils on Monday 5th June for staff training and so the children will return back to school on Tuesday 6th June.

### Attendance Cup



Congratulations to Oak class who won the Attendance Cup this week with 100 %. In the hall we now have a 'Team Bartons' display board that will show the winners of the Attendance Cup each week and the totals of the house points for each House.

### Maths and English Workshops for Parents

This week, we held two parent workshops on Maths and English teaching approaches at Bartons. Monday was an introduction to the expectations of the Maths curriculum and the Maths team gave a general overview of how we are use Numicon to develop mathematical thinking and learning. It was great to see so many of you there and your feedback has told us how useful you found it. As part of our continued partnership with parents, we intend to hold more workshops so that you know how to help your child. Naturally, if you ever have any questions then please contact the class teacher who will be happy to help. For anyone who couldn't attend, there is now a video on the website (under Core Curriculum Learning - Maths section) which gives you a taste of what the Numicon approach is, together with some comments made by parents.

The English workshop focused on the teaching of grammar, phonics and handwriting and again the team wanted to share with you some of the expectations of the National Curriculum. At the time of writing this newsletter, the workshop is about to go ahead later this afternoon so I will feedback about it after half term. Thank you to both the Maths and English teams for putting the information together. They have worked hard on preparing the most important information for you.

### Uniform Update

Many parents have been asking us for updates on our new uniform. At present, everything has been planned and we are now just waiting for the new stockist, JW Sports, to give us the start date of when you can start ordering uniform. As soon as I know, we will let you know and we are hopeful that it will be very soon. Thank you for your patience over the last few months.

Can I remind parents that trainers are not appropriate for wearing to school and from September, they will **not** be allowed. School shoes should be sensible, flat in style and dark in colour. This is the same for summer sandals which should be worn with socks. Thank you.

*Have a great sunny half term! Kate Powell*