



TEAM GOVERNORS

Governor Newsletter

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Welcome

from our Chair of Governors

Dear all,

We have reached the end of another school year and it has been a very significant one for Team Bartons! The headline news is that we say goodbye to our current Year 6 pupils. It is always sad to say goodbye but we do so knowing that their time at Bartons has prepared them well for the next stage of their journey. Seeing the pictures from the PGL trip reminds us that school is not just about Maths, English, and Science but it's also about personal development. The activities they took part in and their achievements in doing those are a testament to how effective the school is in that area. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to wish them well in their new schools and wish them every success, and never forget that they are and always will be, Bartons alumni.



On the subject of departures, we are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Grimsey who is moving away from the area. Miss Grimsey has been a real asset to the school. Mr Hayne in Year 6 is also leaving us. My first classroom observation as a Governor was in one of Mr Hayne's Maths classes. They were playing a version of countdown with numbers and he had the countdown clock and I was struck

by the enjoyment and engagement of all of the pupils. Not surprisingly if I am honest, Mr Hayne leaves us with a promotion. Again, we wish them both the very best and thank you for your contributions to Team Bartons. You will have seen the letter from Mrs Powell about the arrangements for next term and I would like to welcome Mr Jeffries to the team as he takes over the teaching in Year 5. I have been in awe once more of our staff throughout the school who continue to pull out all the stops to provide for our children.

You will have seen two major projects become reality this term, the outside teaching area and the library. The library is the culmination of a few years of hard work. The bulk of that was done by the Friends of Bartons who have organised and run events to raise funds to pay for the library. It has been an extraordinary effort by the FoB who continue to give relentless support to the school which only enhances the offering to our children. I am under no illusion about the amount of time and work that they put into raising funds to pay for items and improvements that we could just not carry in the school budgets. So, a massive thank you to the Friends of Bartons team and, of course, a massive thank you to all of you that have supported those events and spent your money with them.

The outside teaching area is almost complete and will enhance the learning experience of all pupils. This was funded using school funds by careful budgeting and was a priority for the school to create this happy area for learning. It's something Mrs Powell has wanted to do for a long time so that the children and staff can enjoy this outdoor learning environment and it doesn't disappoint. Special thanks goes to Mr Cook who has managed the project.

The governors have been busy throughout the term; classroom visits, learning walks and tracking the finances. In addition, you will have seen the Education White Paper has proposed a number of changes to the running of schools at local level. Understanding what this means and the impact is important so that any future changes can be managed so as not to disadvantage our children, or damage the culture and atmosphere of Bartons, which sets it apart.

So, that is just a snap shot of the term from my perspective - busy and exciting! If you would like to take a deeper part in this, we're still looking to welcome new governors. If you are interested, then please feel free to contact the Clerk to the Governing Body through the school and we will arrange to meet you. Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Go Team Bartons!

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- Bartons Primary School

