

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 2 15th September 2017



I can hardly believe that we have been back to school for over a week and I am pleased to say that the children have continued to be focused, calm and enthusiastic whilst they adjust to the new term and new classes. All of our children have settled well and the teachers have enjoyed getting to know their new children.

I have been made aware that some parents have experienced some problems with the new uniform. I have contacted the stockist JWSports and they have assured us that if any items are faulty then they will replace them. He did suggest that as with all clothing, please check the washing labels before washing since some items will need to be washed on a lower temperature. He does currently have some low stock of some items following the 'back to school' rush so please be patient.

Core Learning Values and Skills

The Learning Value for this half term is Independence. Linked to this are the skills of: *being confident, self-motivated, organised, self-control, self-determination* and *resilience*. The teachers plan lessons that support and develop these skills and we are always looking for the children to demonstrate this value and these skills. Please let us know if you see or 'catch' the children doing something that reflects any of these at home as we like to reward the children for their hard work with extra house points.

Book Fair

The scholastic book fair will run in the school library next week from Wednesday 20th until Monday 25th September. You can purchase books after school and the school will benefit from the commission earned from all sales. See you there!

Helpful and General Reminders

Please remember that:

- all uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles should be clearly named so that if any get mislaid, they can be returned safely.
- hair that is below chin length must be tied back. No tracks or patterns must be cut into the hair and hair must be of a natural colour. No jewellery is allowed except small stud earrings.
- lunch boxes should be healthy ones. Please try to limit the amount of sweet items and do not include fizzy drinks. The school does have a nut free policy because there are some children who have allergies so please avoid providing any nut products and nut spreads like peanut butter in sandwiches. Thank you.
- all pupils in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) are entitled to a free school meal. This is called the Universal Free School Meal. Should you be eligible for free school meals (FSM) claim forms are available from the school office. We encourage all parents, who are eligible to claim, to register for free school meals as the school receives additional funding for these pupils and this can be used to support your child in school.
- if your child is ill then please ensure you call the school office giving the reason for the child's absence. If we don't hear from you, we will call you to find out where they are. In the event of sickness or diarrhoea, children must not attend school until 48 hours has passed following the last bout.
- All routine medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day or in the holidays. For all absence requests, the office has a form that parents must complete prior to the absence from school.
- the school has a Text2Parent texting message service which you are automatically enrolled to if we have a current mobile number on our system. This is used to keep you updated on events or notices. We're hoping to offer an email service this year.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

There will be a coffee afternoon on 29th September at 2pm. We will be asking for donations of cakes and more details will follow. Please come along to have an informal chat with me and some of the members of the Friends.