

Bartons Primary School Newsletter 2 13th September 2019

It is incredible that we have already been back to school for over a week now and I am pleased to say that the staff have been impressed in how enthusiastic the children are. Last week in assembly, I talked to the children about the year ahead and explained that we have high hopes for each and every one of them.

WWO Silver Accreditation

At the end of the summer term, we had a WWO audit which looked at how we promote, encourage and teach the collaborative skills of Working With Others. Staff and pupils were interviewed and lessons were observed. I am thrilled to tell you that we gained a Silver Accreditation award which is a fantastic achievement and reflects the great work being done in school. Special thanks to Mrs Morris who has worked hard leading WWO across the school for the past few years.

Parking

It is great that many of our families walk to school but as I have said in many newsletters before, please can I ask that parents park responsibly in and around the Lethaby Road. If possible, please park away from the school i.e. North Bersted Street and walk up to school. Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags, double yellow lines or across our neighbours driveways. Many of our families have prams/pushchairs and should not be forced to go into the road because of cars parked on the pavements obstructing pedestrians. As a community, we should all work together to ensure the safety of the our children. Any parents who witness poor parking should report the car registration to the Police immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

There will be a coffee afternoon on 27th 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. Everyone will be very welcome.

Information Email Attachment

Please see our attachment email with this letter which contains some important general information for you.

Parents: Helpful and General Reminders

For all parents/carers, here are some useful reminders for you:

- 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. Long fringes 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 and no nail varnish should be worn. All jewellery must be removed for P.E.
- lunch boxes should be healthy ones. Please try to limit the amount of sweet items and do not include fizzy drinks. The school has 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.
- 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 any 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. Please ensure we have the most up to date number.
- Parents evenings are held in the autumn and spring terms. Two weeks before the dates, sign up sheets will be available in the library for parents to book appointments.

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