

8th March 2019

This week has been another busy one. Thank you to all of you that came to Parents Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. It was great to see so many of you and I hope that the discussions helped you to understand how well your child/ren are doing and what they can do to improve further.

Last Thursday and this week, our round of termly class assemblies began. Last week, Oak class showcased their learning about The Greeks and read aloud extracts from their Greek myths. These were really impressive and the children demonstrated real pride in their work. Yesterday, it was the turn of Willow class and they shared their P.E, Art and English work. The children really enjoyed the news report and again, it showed us all just how confident our children are.

Today has been an exciting day. A few weeks ago, we were asked by West Sussex Music to support them in putting together a promotional video for their website. This involved filming the children in Year 1 and 3 working with Mr Mott, their music teacher in their lesson. They also interviewed me so that I could explain why music is so important to us at Bartons. The children, yet again, were able to show off their excellent musical skills and exemplary behaviour, and I was able to describe the impact it has had on our children. This is another example of how well things are going at school. I was thrilled to be asked and proud too because it reflects the recognition our excellent work and investment in the arts. Well done Year 1 and 3! Mr Mott said, 'you were amazing'.

Spirit FM Local Radio Station

Please remember to tune into Spirit FM next week to hear our children talking about their views on world issues. To hear the interview, please tune into Spirit FM all week starting on Monday 11th March until Friday 15th at 7.25am on the Breakfast show and 3.30pm on the Home show. Well done Peter and Carys, Rosie and Tyler and James and Alexis. You can also see the KS2 children singing on Spirit FM's website.

Spaces in Lego Club Next Term

There are still places for Lego Club on Wednesday for KS2 children. If you are interested then please contact Mrs Wotton or KidsWithBricks.com for further details and booking arrangements.

Summer Production Change of Date

Please note that we have had to change the date of the KS2 summer production. The performance dates **will now be** Tuesday 2nd July at 2pm and 6pm, followed by one evening performance on Wednesday 3rd July. This was necessary to ensure that our pianist could accompany us and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Year 6 Shakespeare Workshops

On Wednesday, Year 6 were very fortunate to work with a group of actors from Chichester Festival Theatre. The whole day was dedicated to Shakespeare's' Twelfth Night play and both classes had the opportunity to explore the base story of Twelfth Night and then to perform some of the parts of the story with the professional actors. Mrs Lewis and Mr Hayne reported that the children absolutely loved every minute of the workshop and responded with enthusiasm and pleasure. Well done Year 6! This was a very special opportunity and you did brilliantly.

Book Week

Book Week is finally here and the children are really looking forward to it. Please refer to the letter that went out yesterday for a list of events including character dress up day on Wednesday 13th and the Bedtime Story event on Tuesday 12th for children in Years R to Year 3. If your child wants to come on Tuesday then please return the slip to the school office as soon as possible so that we can plan for numbers.

<u>Comic Relief - Red Nose Day</u>

Red Nose Day is Friday 15th. Please bring a donation of £1 and wear your red nose and non-school uniform with pride! See you there.

Diary Date Reminders...

MARCH 11th: BOOK WEEK
12th: Bedtime Story Years R - 3 (5pm -6pm)
13th: Dressing Up Character day
15th: Red Nose day - Non-uniform day donation of £1
18th:Sharing of work invitation for parents at
3.15pm - 3.45pm
19th: Sharing of work invitation for parents at
8.45am - 9.15am
20th - 25th: Book fair in school.
APRIL 4th: Easter Egg Hunt
5th: Easter Egg Raffle draw and End of Term