

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 14 15th December 2017



This will be the last newsletter of 2017 and so on behalf of the whole staff team and Governing Body, we would like to thank you for all of your fantastic support this term and to wish you a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year! Be safe, be healthy and take care of your nearest and dearest. Best wishes Kate Powell.

This week, we have been in full Christmas mode, thinking about others, talking about Advent and looking forward to the special Christmas break. The children have enjoyed Christmas themed activities and have continued to work hard.

Thank you for your support for Christmas Jumper day today. In assembly this morning, the children and staff looked absolutely brilliant in their array of festive jumpers and outfits. We took time to think about how we were raising much needed funds for the Save the Children Fund which will help children across the world, who are less fortunate than us.

Thanks also to the Friends of Bartons who have worked tirelessly this term to plan and run a range of fund raising activities for our children. This weeks events include the Present Room and a School Disco which again have been very popular. Thank you to all of the team for your time and support. We couldn't do it without your help.

Christmas Carol Concert

On Thursday, we held our first Christmas Carol Concert where the children in Yrs 4, 5 and 6 shared festive poems and sang carols. It was a magical afternoon and everyone really enjoyed it. A big well done to Eveleigh who sang a beautiful solo and to all of the children who read aloud. Naturally, the staff all worked really hard to put the concert together but special thanks must go to Mrs Lewis and Mrs A Powell who co-ordinated the whole event and to Mr Parsons who played the music. Thank you so much!

Contact Information

On Monday, we will be sending home the attendance registration certificate for each pupil which outlines their attendance this term. Some families will also receive an additional letter re: lateness or unsatisfactory absence. Acceptable attendance should be above 95% except in very special circumstances.

We will also be sending home the existing contact data sheet with details on it that we hold for your child/ren. Please update any details accordingly, e.g. with up to date mobile phone numbers/work numbers and return it to us as soon as possible. Could parents and carers also include a main email address. This will help us as we move towards having an email facility for messages and letters etc.

Goodbye to Mr Tim Parsons

Next Wednesday, we will say a very sad goodbye to Mr Tim Parsons who is moving onto a part-time position in a local school. Tim has been here for three years and has been instrumental in leading and building Music opportunities for our children. We hope that you will join with us to wish him all the best in his new role, to thank him for all of his hard work and to know that he will be missed. His last day is Wednesday so please do pop in to say goodbye to him at the end of the day.

Thank you and Farewell

This term, we also say goodbye to four Chichester University teaching students who have been working in Chestnut and Ash classes. They have worked so hard and have been a great hit with our staff and pupils alike. Good luck and thank you so much to Miss Cook, Mr McCusker, Mrs Galler and Mr Hancock. Happy Christmas.

Elm Class Christmas Assembly

Next Tuesday (19th December) at 9.15am, Elm parents and carers are invited to join us to see Elm class's Christmas class assembly. I am looking forward to seeing how much our youngest children have flourished after their first term in school.

Useful Dates

Following the Christmas break, we will return to school on Thursday 4th January. Later on in the term, there will be an INSET day where school is closed for pupils on Monday 19th February. The term dates are as follows:

Spring Term: 4th January - 29th March.

(Half term: 12th - 16th February)

Summer Term: 16th April - 20th July.