





Bartons Primary School Newsletter 8 17th November 2016

It has been another busy week and we have had lots to celebrate. Last week, Chestnut class presented their first class assembly following Oak and Ash class, the week before. These assemblies have been fantastic and we have all been impressed with the children's levels of confidence. We hope that you have enjoyed them too and are able to come to the forthcoming assemblies in the next few weeks.

Year 4 have also been busy up-cycling lots of junk and creatively making the items into artistic pieces of beauty. Being very happy with the results, they then held a silent auction where parents pledged money to buy the pieces. We are thrilled that these offers have raised £53 for the children to buy classroom treats. Well done Year 4 and Mr Hayne and Mrs Hillier.

On Wednesday, I was lucky enough to accompany Willow class to the Planetarium in Chichester. To add to the adventure, we went by public bus. This was my first school trip at Bartons and the children were impeccably behaved. Well done Willow class and Mrs Lewis for organising; it was a pleasure going with you. On Tuesday, Year 2 were visited by a group of friendly owls. The children were able to get really close to them and found out all about how owls live. It was another great afternoon of learning. Well done Year 2.

📤 Christmas Tree and Decorations

Christmas is nearly upon us and I would like to have a Christmas tree up in the reception area, by the school office and in the hall for the children. I was wondering whether anyone had any reasonably sized spare artificial Christmas trees that we could have? Perhaps you're upgrading yours at home or are changing your decorations. If you can help us with either a tree or any nice decorations then please let me know.

Parking

Can I ask that parents avoid parking on the pavements on the roads that approach the school. Several parents have complained that it forces them into the road with pushchairs and prams. Naturally, this is very dangerous and unnecessary. Can we all work together please?

Consent Form and Home School Agreement

Please could all parents return the yellow consent form and pink Home-School Agreement form, that went out last week, as soon as possible. Thank you to all of you that have so far. We have had lots returned but need them all back completed from every child in the school.

Children in Need

Friday the 18th is Children in Need day. The children can come in 'spotty' clothes or non-uniform for a donation of £1. There will also be a cake sale after school. We hope that you will all be able to support this great charity event.

Party Invitations

Please could we kindly ask that any birthday party invitations are not given to class teachers to give out to children in class. The difficulty for staff is that it can be very time consuming and when, not every child is invited, children can become very upset. We ask that instead, you distribute them outside of the classroom. Obviously, if you need anyone pointed out then staff can help you.

Christmas Dinner at School

Tuesday 13th December is the day for Christmas dinner at school. If you would like your child/ren to have one then please let the school office know by 25th November or

book on line at www.mealselector.co.uk by the 4th December. Please see the website for the menu.

Christmas Fair Friday 2nd December

Please make sure that you have the above date of the Christmas Fair on your calendar because it is creeping up on us very quickly. The Friends of Bartons are working very hard to organise everything and we need you all to come along.

November 100 Club

Congratulations to Michalina's family who won the 100 Club this month with lucky number 9.

Social Media

This week, we have seen comments made about Bartons on a public Facebook page. Whilst some are supportive; some are not. I would ask that if you have strong feelings about the school, then please do come and see me. I want to ensure that we build positive relationships with parents and have strong communication but in turn, we must have trust that goes both ways. The comments were made in the public domain and therefore school staff do not have the opportunity to reply or defend themselves. Thank you. Kate Powell.

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Z Gordon Chair of Governors: Mrs D Norris