# Team Bartons

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This week, we are one week further into lockdown and although the news is mostly depressing and full of sadness, we need to focus on the

positives and concentrate on keeping our nearest and dearest safe. The local vaccination programme is gathering speed and that is at least a bit of good news, if you are like me, worried about elderly parents and relatives or you are working in a job where you are at greater risk. Both my parents have now had the jab and for me, I am relieved. My Father is in the middle of chemotherapy for cancer and so it gives my family a bit more hope that Covid is one less thing to worry about for him. I know many of our Team Bartons NHS working parents have had the jab too and that must be a relief for you. Please know that these views are my own; I am merely pleased that my family and friends have had the opportunity to have it.

### Team Bartons Shout Outs

Every week, we will give a big shout out to pupils who are working hard and showing great commitment to their work. This week the teachers have nominated:

Yr 6: Harry for submitting every piece of work and doing it to his best ability. Amazing!

**Yr 5:** Elliot for brilliant engagement in work, asking for extra Maths and practising his handwriting!

Yr 4: Connor for completing exceptional work and for being so caring and polite.

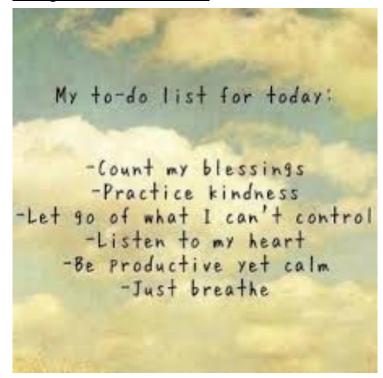
Yr 3: Harry P for always sending lovely neat and creative work. A great effort!

Yr 2: Aegina for completing all tasks 110% and for her positive attitude.

Yr 1: Elsie for working really hard on all activities especially phonic work.

Yr R: Oscar for exceptional hard work, going above and beyond and for his fantastic attitude.

## Thoughts from the Week



To all of our Team Bartons families, stay cheerful, keep calm, have hope and stay safe. To all of our parents who are NHS angels; thank you. Thank you for everything that you are doing to keep us all safe. Things are hard right now and we have to hope that things get better very soon.

# Free School Meals Vouchers

No doubt you will have seen the free school meal debate in recent media coverage. Last week, the government did another U-turn and decided to switch from providing food parcels to FSM vouchers instead. This was a welcome change because it is easier to organise vouchers and it is easier for families to redeem themselves. This time, the vouchers are only provided for children who are not attending school; FSM children in school will be given a hot meal at lunch time. For those in receipt of the vouchers, these will be issued every fortnight. One week for one child equates to £15.

### Thank you

I would like to say thank you very much to the parents who have kept the school staff in their thoughts and who have generously sent in several bags and boxes of goodies (naughty staff room treats). It has really helped us and is always appreciated. Stay safe! Best wishes Kate Powell

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