

Welcome back to the summer term. I trust that you all had a great Easter weekend and break. It was definitely a time for recharging the batteries after a long and slightly weird four months. Whilst we are still in lockdown, it is, at least, a relief to start seeing the positive changes to the Governments roadmap rules. The shops and hairdressers finally opening was encouraging to see and I did enjoy being able to 'browse' in shops properly once again! Oh and getting my son's hair cut at last was extremely satisfying.

It was great to see the children all looking smart in their uniforms on Monday morning. The sun was shining and everyone was smiling so it was a great start the week off well. Please remember that the children should still come to school in their P.E kit on allocated P.E days, so ensure that your child knows which day/s P.E lessons are on.

ACTIVE MATHS DAY



The first day back was Active Maths day and it was lovely to see so much Maths learning happening outdoors. The children were enthusiastically playing games, solving problems and puzzles and answering questions on Maths trails

around the school grounds. There was a hive of excitement and challenge and the children absolutely loved each creative Maths activity. Thank you to the teachers for organising such a fun day and well done to the children for really approaching the tasks with such determination.

<u>Thoughts from the Week</u>

The summer term is always our favourite term of the year with more opportunities to work and play outside. This term though, we are still under restrictions and have to remain cautious when planning events. In light of the lockdown disruption and with everyone's safety in mind, we sadly, have decided that the annual KS2 production won't go ahead. We will put together a music/drama celebration and put it on Seesaw for parents to view. Sports day morning will take place but will be closed to parents too. We intend to film parts of the sports events and again make them available for you to see. This is not what we want but we hope that you understand the current position.

Year 5 Swimming

On Tuesday, Lime class were finally able to start their swimming lessons at The Arena. This should have happened in January but lockdown delayed this. The children were looking forward to the session and Mrs Olliver was very pleased with the high level of behaviour presented by the children. To compliment this, later on in the day, I received an email from the swim manager at The Arena who praised the children's amazing behaviour and politeness. Naturally, at Team Bartons, we have very high expectations but receiving such positive feedback makes us feel very proud. Well done Lime class; this is a great start to the term.

Useful Diary Dates

3rd May: Bank Holiday - school closed
6th May: Class Photograph Day
17th May: Outdoor Learning Day
28th May: Numicon Maths Day
31st May - 4th June: Half Term
7th June: Back to School - Enrichment Week
21st June: Year 6 Residential
2nd July: Sports Day - am
16th July: Reports go out
19th July: Changeover class morning
22nd July: Last day of term
23rd July: INSET day - school closed
6th September: Autumn term starts