

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 1 11th September 2020



It has been a lovely week back and I cannot tell you how much it meant to us to see the children back in school on Monday and dressed so smartly. Thank you to all of you for supporting the staggered times and for social distancing on the school site. It has been a very smooth process. A few parents are still arriving **too early** though and I would ask that you **ONLY** come onto the school site at the correct time please including if you are waiting outside the office. That way we are minimising any risks. We have lots of exciting learning planned this year and within the new 'normal', I know that the children will have an amazing year. Naturally, there are some events that we cannot do in their usual form but we do have some alternative ideas and will update you in due course. The school calendar will be released soon but please be aware that dates are subject to change in light of the current restrictions and we maybe unable to hold some traditional activities.

Absence

We hope that your child/ren won't fall ill but if they do, please make sure that you call school on the day of absence before 9am so that the correct register code is recorded. Messages not received will incur an unauthorised absence. The school has an out of hours answer phone line for messages. Please follow the guidance in the Covid-19 Risk Assessment (on our website) if your child develops Covid-19 symptoms (a new persistent cough, high temperature and loss of smell/taste). **DO NOT** send them to school.

Welcome



Welcome to all of our new children who have joined Bartons this term in Elm, Hazel, Ash and Cedar classes. It has been lovely to see them enjoying themselves and looking so smart. We hope you have enjoyed your first week and settle quickly.

The Start of the School Term

School attendance is monitored and this includes children arriving at school on time. We are currently operating the staggered starts and finishes so please ensure that you only arrive within those times please. **The school gates will be locked by 9.05am and any late arrivals will then need to be signed in at the main school office and a reason given for being late.** This is to ensure that lessons can begin on time without any disruptions. Punctuality really enables children to settle more quickly and to get into good habits and routines. Lateness and attendance is monitored closely. For any families who fall short of the expected attendance figure, advice and support can be sought from external agencies. Please remember that family holidays should not be booked during school terms and will not be authorised. Pupils are in school for 190 days each year which leaves 175 other days for holidays and activities. Research has shown that missed schooling does impact learning. Also please avoid booking routine medical and dental appointments during the school day.

Flu Vaccination for Years R to 6

This week, parents/carers will have received the annual consent form for the flu vaccine given in schools. The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to children to help protect them against flu. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness. Please read the information and return the form by Friday 18th September to ensure that your child/ren will receive this important vaccine. The nasal spray is painless and is administered by nurses quickly and safely.

School INSET Dates (2020-2021)

Please make a note of the following dates where school will be closed to pupils for staff training.

FRIDAY: 18th DECEMBER 2020

MONDAY: 22nd FEBRUARY 2021

FRIDAY: 23rd JULY 2021

Once the dates for the year have been finalised, they will be emailed to parents and will also be on the school website.

Have a great weekend! Regards Kate Powell