

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 20 7th February 2020

This week has been another busy one and I have enjoyed awarding several Golden Tickets to children for excellent achievements. Last Friday, Chestnut class enjoyed a day at the Titanic Museum in Southampton. They had had a lovely day until on their departure, the coach unexpectedly broke down. A replacement coach was sent for but because of the travel chaos around Bognor, the coach was held up. Thankfully the children were safe and well catered for and eventually arrived back at school at 7pm. I wanted to say a big thank you to Miss Grimsey, Mrs Cook and the helpers for their patience and to Mrs A. Powell who waited at school for them to return in my absence. Thank you, also, to all of the Chestnut class parents who were very understanding of the situation.

Absence From School

At times children can fall ill with seasonal illnesses. Naturally, if a child has a temperature or is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea or an infectious illness then we would expect the child/ren to be off school. Good attendance is 95% and above. **For every day of sickness absence, parents/carers need to telephone school with a reason.** There is a dedicated answer phone where parents can leave a message before school. We expect parents to let us know why the child isn't at school. If a message is not received by 9.15am then it will be recorded as unauthorised. For frequent unexplained absence, we will refer the case to the local authority and parents can be fined for persistent unauthorised absence. We have noticed that some children are falling under 90% and that parents are not updating us. This should be daily and we will call you for an explanation. Poor attendance leads to children quickly falling behind in their learning. Reasons given such as 'they're tired' or 'it's their birthday' or 'for family visiting' are not acceptable. Holidays during term time will also not be authorised due to DfE guidelines. To help your child to reach their potential then please ensure good levels of attendance and keep us informed.

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A Powell Co- Chairs of Governors: Mrs C. Neaves and Mrs A. Oyns

Head Lice

We are having regular complaints from staff and parents that many children have head lice. Whilst children do not need to be off school for having them, we do expect parents/carers to treat their child's hair. Please be vigilant and treat as soon as you see any eggs or lice in their hair. To stop the spread of head lice, we need you to act quickly.

Please read the NHS advice for parents:

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Wet combing: Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any will do) comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays: Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice. **They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.** Head lice should die within a day. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Valentines Disco



There will be a Valentines disco on Friday 14th February. Tickets are now on sale and cost £3.

This includes refreshments and a LuvSweeties gift bag. The disco will be for all year groups together and will start at 4.15pm and finish at 5.30pm. If you are able to help on the night then please let The Friends know. Please remember to collect your child after the disco **promptly** so that all of the helpers and staff can get home on time. Recently, a few children have been left waiting to be collected for a long time. This is not acceptable. Although some of our Year 5 and 6 children walk home after school, they will not be allowed to after the disco. All children must be picked up by an adult afterwards. Please ensure this happens.

Creative Arts Day

Next Friday will be Creative Arts Day and the children will have the opportunity to explore some different art activities with different staff. It will be a fun day. We need some additional materials so please could you look at home and bring any of the following items into school next week:

Cardboard tubes/rolls, cardboard boxes (e.g. cereal, packing, corrugated), egg boxes, card or similar.

It will be a great day so thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell