

Newsletter 18 29th January 2021

I hope that this week has been a good one for you. We have heard that several families have been unwell so we are all sending you lots of love, strength and hope that you get better soon. This week, it was confirmed that schools will not open over half term and so we will be closed from Monday 15th - Friday 19th February. Also our planned INSET day on Monday 22nd is cancelled so we will be open for critical worker and vulnerable children as usual.

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: Grace H for completing all of her work and persevering. Mr Hayne is very impressed!

Yr 5: Chloe for completing all activities to a great standard and for doing extra Maths.

Yr 4: Maisy B for consistently submitting high standard of work and putting in 110%.

Yr 3: Lena for showing real enthusiasm for all of her learning.

Yr 2: Annabelle for submitting great work and making good progress in Maths.

Yr 1: Leighton for always working hard on activities and producing neat and tidy work.

Yr R: Ellia for working consistently hard. Your reading skills progress is very impressive!

Baby News

I have some lovely news to share. Mrs Byng, Year 6 teaching assistant, is expecting a baby early summer time. Congratulations to Michelle and her family. She will finish in April and we will await the good news in May.

<u>Wellbeing Wednesday to Support Children's Mental</u> <u>Heath Week 2021 (1st - 5th February 2021)</u>

On Wednesday, in support of Children's Mental Health Week, the activities and work posted on Seesaw will be a selection of well-being activities rather than the usual curriculum tasks. Please look through the lovely activities and see which ones you can do with your child. The children in school will also choose these activities to do during the day. We hope you enjoy Well-being Wednesday too!

Thoughts from the Week



Please keep smiling everyone! All of us at school know how challenging this lockdown is; believe me as parents we are dealing with the same issues ourselves. As

we have always said, you can only do your best and do what you can. We don't expect you to be teachers but to support your child in the best ways that work for your family. It is important that the children are engaging in their school work so that they stay in touch and stay in a learning routine. How this looks from day to day is up to you but please be reassured that the teachers think very carefully about the kinds of tasks and activities they plan and so there shouldn't be anything that the children can't do. If you need advice then please contact the class teacher: they will be happy to help you. As a school, we have a responsibility to put the learning provision in place and we will contact you if we don't hear from the children. So far, feedback from you has been very positive. Thank you for supporting your child and remember the main thing is that the children are safe. Do get in touch if you need us; we are still here for you in school everyday.

The Winter Games Virtual Sussex School Games

Mrs Barlow, our P.E teacher, has a challenge for you all. Launching in Sussex next Monday is the Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games - The Winter Games. Once you sign up you will have the opportunity to take on some incredible sport challenges inspired from the Winter Olympics. Four challenges each week in February will help keep you physically active and encourage you to beat your own personal bests. By taking part you will be representing TEAM BARTONS and contributing towards our average score as well as the West Sussex West Wolverines (our area). For more details and to sign up go to www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk Challenges are released each Monday and you have until midday on the Friday to submit your scores. There are videos to show you the challenges and they will not require any specialised equipment. They have been designed to keep you moving in lockdown! An extra special challenge, get your teachers, parents and carers doing them with you as they can also represent TEAM BARTONS and there is a separate 'Active Adult leader board' too. Good luck!

Stay safe & best wishes! Best wishes Kate Powell

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