

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 2 15th September 2016

It hardly seems possible that we have been back at school now for two weeks. I am pleased to say that I am slowly learning names and I am enjoying meeting all of the families at Bartons. The children have settled really well and are enjoying their learning.

Thank you to the parents that came along for a coffee and chat yesterday. It was great to meet you and to have the opportunity to introduce myself and to hear your views. The parents made lots of positive comments about the school but did raise some concerns about road safety i.e. getting to and from school on the surrounding roads. The children's safety is a priority and so I shall be asking questions about this to the local authority.

### Parents Consultation Evenings

Following feedback from parents, we have redesigned the format of future parents evenings to give later appointments on one evening and to have an easier booking system. Parents evenings will be held on **Tuesday 4th October (4.30 - 7.30pm)** and **Thursday 6th October (3.30 - 5.30pm)**.

Two weeks before, which will be the **week beginning the 19th September**, 'signing up' sheets for appointments will be available in the library for you to sign up for appointments with your child/ren's class teacher. This is to enable you to book yourself in more easily at a time of your convenience for all of the appointments that you need. There will be slips there for you to keep to record the times. These are the dedicated times for consultation but if you cannot make those evenings then please talk to the class teacher to make an alternative appointment. Please note that alternative appointments would be for after school. If you do not drop off in the mornings or pick up after the school then please call the school office who can assist you in booking a time.

### School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 17th October for individual and family group photos.

### Helpful and General Reminders

Please remember that:



- all uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles should be clearly named so that if any get mislaid, they can be returned safely.
- hair that is long enough must be tied back. No tracks or patterns must be cut into the hair and hair must be of a natural colour.
- lunch boxes should contain a variety of healthy foods. Please try to limit the amount of crisps and sweet items and do not include fizzy drinks. Thank you.
- all pupils in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) are entitled to a free school meal. This is called the Universal Free School Meal. Should you be eligible for free school meals (FSM) claim forms are available from the school office. We encourage all parents, who are eligible to claim, to register for free school meals as the school receives additional funding for these pupils and this can be used to support your child in school.
- if your child is ill then please ensure you call the school office giving the reason for the child's absence. If we don't hear from you, we will call you to find out where they are. In the event of sickness or diarrhoea, children must not return to school until 48 hours has passed following the last bout.
- All routine medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day or in the holidays. For all absence requests, the office has a new form that parents must complete prior to the absence from school.
- the school has a Text2Parent texting message service which you are automatically enrolled to if we have a current mobile number on our school system. This is used to keep you updated on events or notices. I am looking into extending the service to email in the future so watch this space.

### Class Assemblies

This term we will be introducing class assemblies where once a term, each class will present aspects of their learning to the school. Parents of the children in the class will be invited to join us to celebrate their achievements. Please look out for the forthcoming dates.

### MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a coffee afternoon on 30th September at 2.30pm. We will be asking for donations of cakes and more details will follow.

