

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 24 13th March 2020

This week has been a busy one with lots of great activities happening across the school. On Thursday, Lime class presented us with their learning in their class assembly. Sadly, I was at a training event in Worthing and so I missed it but Mrs A. Powell said how confidently the children spoke and how they had shared some amazing work including their writing. Well done Lime class.

### Coronavirus Update

I wanted to let you know that we are continuing to follow closely the advice given by Public Health England and the DfE regarding the outbreak of the coronavirus. On their advice, the school remains open as usual. This week, we put in place a specific hand washing routine for the children to ensure good hygiene and to limit the spread of any germs. The children are told when to wash their hands and they do this with soap. Let me reassure you that the soap at school is not harmful to skin and the children are encouraged to dry their hands properly. If the increased frequency of handwashing causes mild irritation, then families could give the children some mild emollient cream to relieve this. I think that we would all agree that the advice that we have been given is sensible and necessary given the circumstances. We cannot predict how far the coronavirus will spread and what the Government will do next but, as a school, we have discussed what would happen if we are instructed to close. If this happens then we will provide work for the children to do at home via our school website and online learning platforms i.e. My Maths. So far, the Local Authority have not asked us to cancel domestic trips and so it is business as usual. I will, of course, keep you updated on the situation.

### Lime Class Trip to Paultons Park

On Monday, Year 5 went to Paultons Park for the day as part of their science topic. The children took part in workshops on friction and movement and then were allowed to go on some of the bigger rides in the park. Mrs Olliver was thrilled in how the children responded to the activities and their behaviour. Well done Lime class. I bet it was a day to remember!

### Sports Relief Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Sports Relief today. It was great to see all of the staff and children dressed in sports kits and clothes. We are still counting up the money and will let you know next week how much we raised.

### The Big Sing

On Thursday, Hazel class took part in the locality schools singing festival called The Big Sing. The children joined with all of the primary schools across Felpham and Bognor at The Regis School to sing a variety of songs and to watch live musical performances. It was a great event and Mrs Reynolds said that the children were really enthusiastic, loved every minute of the singing and behaved impeccably. This is an annual event and so we were thrilled to take part again in the singing festival. Well done everyone! It sounded amazing!

### Forest School

As set out in our recent letter to parents and carers, starting this term and continuing into the summer term, each class will have the opportunity to take part in a Forest School afternoon. First to go has been Cedar class. This is focused outdoor learning with external leaders and takes place a short walk away in the woods behind the school. Each class will go in two groups alternate weeks and will be accompanied by their class teacher. They will need outdoor clothing and wellies. The school has heavily subsidised the activity but we would ask for a small contribution of £2 towards the costs. This would be gratefully appreciated.

### Road Closure Notice

I have been sent notification that one of the Berkeley Homes estate roads will be closed for a period of time. On the 16th March, they will close Blackwell Way which is near The Boulevard and Sales Suite because of further building works. This major work could continue long into the New Year and so I wanted to let you know. This notification was only received today and so I am sorry for the late notice.

*Have a great weekend. Best wishes Kate Powell*