

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 28 11th May 2018

I hope that everyone had a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend. It certainly made a change to enjoy some hot sunshine and to be outdoors. I'm sure that you will agree that just having an extra day of family time, and being at home makes such a difference and makes everyone feel happy.

This week, we enjoyed a visit in assembly from Michael Servant who is a locally renowned pianist and choir master. He played our new piano for the children and got them singing rounds and a range of songs. The children loved seeing and hearing live music played on the piano and they all sang enthusiastically along. This is another example of my drive to develop the creative arts and music more at Bartons. Next academic year, we have some exciting musical projects that we are going to be involved with including Young Voices at the O2 and other local festivals. Our children love to sing, dance and act and so it is important to inspire and excite the children's imaginations and give them every opportunity to get involved.

School Improvement Update

Yesterday, we were visited by our Local Authority school improvement partner as part of the usual termly monitoring process of schools. Myself and Mrs A. Powell, the Governors and the main teacher subject leaders all met with the LA partner to discuss school improvements and actions this year. At the end of the afternoon, the LA partner was able to feedback to me that she felt that things were going well in school and that the on-going work is making positive differences to the performance of the school and children. She was complimentary of the hard work of the staff and Governing Body and identified that we were a united team. This external confirmation is great to have and reflects the hard work being done, day to day, by all school staff and Governors. It shows that we all want the best for the children at Bartons and that the team spirit is strong. I am very proud of my children and staff at Bartons so thank you and Go Team Bartons!

Class Assemblies

This terms class assembly dates are as follows:

Elm Class: 6th July FRIDAY at 9.15am

Beech Class: 5th July at 9.15am

Chestnut Class: 12th July at **9.30am**

Hazel Class: 19th July at 9.15am

Oak Class: 15th June FRIDAY at 9.15am

Ash Class: 21st June at 9.15am

Willow Class: 28th June at 9.15am

Lime Class: 7th June at 9.15am

Cedar Class: 20th July at 2pm LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Bikes and Scooters



Please can I remind all families to **not** leave any bikes or scooters overnight at the front of the school because we cannot guarantee their safety. If, for any reason, you are unable to take your bike or scooter home at the end of the day, then please let the school office know or speak to Mr Cook who will bring it inside the school for you. There have been some thefts recently of scooters left unattended overnight so make sure that you tell us if they have to be left. Thank you.

Staffing



At the end of this half term, Mrs Duggan will go on maternity leave in preparation for the arrival of her much longed for baby due in July. We will naturally give her a good send off and await her news. Her last day will be the 25th May.

In September, there will be two new teachers starting at Bartons. Last month, we appointed Miss Bryony Cook and Mr Ollie Starr. Both are great appointments and we are very happy that they will be joining the staff team. Next half term, we will arrange for them to visit the school and the children will get to meet them. The classes and teaching structure for September has not been finalised yet and so I cannot tell you at the moment where they will be going.

Uniform

Recently, we have noticed an increase in jewellery and nail varnish being worn to school. Please can I remind all parents/carers that children should not wear jewellery or nail varnish to school. Only plain stud earrings are suitable but must be removed or covered with tape for P.E. Any other items of jewellery i.e. necklaces, rings or bracelets will be removed from pupils and sent home.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell