

# Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School

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Well, we have finally reached the last week of the autumn term. It has been a great term and the children and the staff have all worked really hard and so now they all deserve a good rest.

Thank you for all of your support this term but particularly in donating harvest and Christmas gifts/prizes, in making costumes, in helping with reading, in coming along to class assemblies, performances and helping on trips, in supporting the cake sales, coffee afternoons and parent meetings. It has been busy busy busy but a lot has been achieved. There is lots more to look forward to next term and we will welcome you all back on Wednesday 4th January.



Please have a restful and happy Christmas and from all of the staff and Governors at Team Bartons; we wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year!

## Collecting Postage Stamps



We would like to start collecting used postage stamps (off letters) for the charity The Elizabeth Foundation. This is an amazing charity who support children with additional needs. It is very close to our hearts because they have supported Mrs Oakley's little girl. We will have a collection box in the school entrance so please tear off the stamps off envelopes and save them for us. With many of us having Christmas cards being delivered at this time of year, we should be able to collect a lot. Please remember to save them for us. It will help to generate much needed funds for the charity. Thank you in advance.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day is Thursday. Wear your favourite Christmas jumper or a decorated one for a donation to Save the Children.

## Mrs Gordon

A few weeks ago, the Local Authority approached the school to ask if Mrs Gordon could be seconded to another local school to be their interim Headteacher. This is a great professional opportunity for Mrs Gordon and the Governors and I have agreed to release her next term for a period of time. I have been able to negotiate a part-time arrangement whereby Mrs Gordon will be at Bartons on Mondays and Tuesdays to continue her role as SEN co-ordinator and Deputy Headteacher and then she will be at Lancastrian Infants School Wednesday to Friday. We foresee that this will initially be for half a term but could be extended. I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing Mrs Gordon good luck, although she doesn't need it and also share our feelings that they are lucky to have her.

## Attendance and Late Arrivals

Having checked school attendance this week, the staff are agreed that we need to improve school percentages where the majority of children achieve attendance above 95%. Today, you will have received the registration certificate for the autumn term for your child. Please check these to see what your child achieved. Improvements also need to be made for children arriving late for school. In January, the registers will close at 9.05am and any late arrivals after that will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. The website has information about attendance and fixed penalty notices that parents should be aware of. Absence from school and being late has an impact on how your child learns and their social skills so please avoid family trips and holidays and routine medical and dental appointments. Thank you.

## School Values and Skills

Next term, our Core Learning Values and Skills will be Communication and Happiness. In lessons, the children will explore and develop these together with their WWO skills.

Have a wonderful break!

Best wishes Kate Powell

