



TEAM GOVERNORS

Governor Newsletter

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A Christmas message on behalf of the Governing Body

**It's beginning to feel
a lot like Christmas!**

James has given a great review of the Christmas Production, the carol afternoon was a real delight and many of us enjoyed the excellent Christmas Fair staged the marvellous Friends of Bartons who have done, and continue to do, so much for the school in support of the Children.



I have been reflecting on the school year so far. The Team of Governors has conducted a number of visits over the course of the term. Post covid lockdowns, it was clear that there was an impact countrywide, on learning and development. The Head Teacher and her team have worked extremely hard to

respond to the challenges that resulted and the children have also worked extremely hard and the progress overall has been phenomenal. A walk through the school reveals wall displays of some very high-quality and impressive work but no one is underestimating the work still to do. So, as we prepare for Christmas, the message from School is a truly positive one

A big part of Christmas celebrations is sharing and community, and so it is fitting that as I reflect on the positives, I am left in no doubt that The whole Team Bartons community has contributed to where we are. So on behalf of the Governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and, our thanks to all of the Staff, and the children for their hard work and dedication. and to you all for your continued support

Best wishes,

Chris Barrett
Chair of Governors

Fireside Nativity - Celebrating the joys of Christmas

The build up to the Christmas holiday is always a special time at Bartons but the pandemic has restricted the events that governors and parents can attend over the last couple of years.

As a governor (and parent of a year 1 student) I was very excited to be invited to my first Barton's Christmas show and (sharing the view of all governors that attended) how fantastic the 'Fireside Nativity' was to watch. From dancing sheep to complex coffee orders I was amazed on how well our little actors and actresses remembered their lines, demonstrated perfect comic timing and drew us into their catchy songs and dancing. It was clear that a huge amount of effort and dedication was put into the performance from our teaching staff and, despite some unfortunate levels of student sickness, ensured the performance went alright on the night! It was a joy to see the students, teachers and parents all getting into the Christmas spirit and a sense of normality returning to the school.

The Governors wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Powell and her team for the incredibly well thought out story and bringing some Christmas spirit into the school for us all to thoroughly enjoy.

James Waddon
Vice Chair of Governors

