



TEAM BARTONS

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This week, the children have been gathering all of the items ready to go into the Time Capsule. We are nearing the time that it will be buried, on the estate, in a ceremony with Berkeley Homes. The School Council are very excited about being a part of this unique occasion and Mrs A. Powell has been working with the classes to collate a variety of items that represent life and school life in these times. Thank you for all of your contributions from home that will go inside the capsule. Thank you, also, to Berkeley Homes for including Bartons and the children in this great activity. The ceremony to bury the capsule will be next week and just around the corner from the school.

Friends of Bartons Christmas Activities

Thank you to all of you who have responded to the variety of Christmas activities organised by the Friends of Bartons this year. There has been a great response. Today is the deadline for orders so please make sure that you have checked what you want i.e. raffle tickets, bought a present from Elfridges, ordered doughnuts or sweets or Christmas crafts on ParentMail. There are a range of free activities that are for all of the children and these will be done in school before the end of term. Thank you again to all of the Friends who have worked so hard to bring Christmas cheer to us all.

Events Coming Up:

- Christmas Jumper day: 10th December (£1)
- Bartons Got Talent: Tuesday 14th December
- Last day of Term: 16th December - Happy Holidays!
- Back to School: 4th January. Science Week.
- Internet Safety Day: 8th February
- HALF TERM: 21st - 25th February. School closed
- INSET Day: 28th February. School closed.
- Back to School: 1st March. BOOK WEEK.

Holy Cross Church - Christmas Tree Community Trail

Once again, this year, Holy Cross Church will be running their Christmas Tree Trail around the parish. This will run from Sunday 6th December - Sunday 12th December and all of you are invited to take part. Please see the Holy Cross Facebook page @holycrosschurchnorthbersted which has lots of information on there for you. The trail will start at the church and you will need to follow the map and locate the Christmas tree on route in the community. Bartons will have a Christmas Tree for you to find. Good luck!

Scooters and Bikes

Can I remind all parents and carers that children, including pre-scholars, **should not be** riding scooters or bikes on the school premises. This has always been the rule because there are too many people in a confined space. We don't want there to be any accidents and so please support us in keeping everyone safe. Thank you.

Illness Absence

This half term, we have seen an increase in the normal seasonal illnesses as well as having a few cases of Covid-19 amongst pupils and staff. Currently, we have to report attendance and reasons for illness to the Department for Education daily and so when we don't have any messages from parents/carers about the children not being in school, this makes things very difficult for us. Please can I remind parents that you **must** telephone school or leave a message before 9am with a reason for their absence **every day**. This is stated clearly on our website. Many parents are not phoning school which means that the office staff have to spend a lot of time following up with many phone calls. There is an out of hours answer phone message system for you to leave messages on. Reasons for absence not received could result in an unauthorised absence being recorded. 10 unauthorised sessions could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell