

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 1 7th September 2018



A very warm welcome to you all. I hope that you and your family had a great summer break and are looking forward

to the new school year. We have lots of new and exciting activities planned and I know that the children will have an amazing year. It was wonderful to see the children in the new uniform all looking rested, happy and so smart. Just as a reminder, please ensure that children have sensible, suitable school shoes; trainers are not suitable or a part of their uniform.

New Faces

This term, we welcome two new teachers. Miss Cook and Mr Starr have joined the teaching staff. Miss Cook will be teaching Hazel class in Year 3 and Mr Starr will be teaching Willow class in Year 5. Miss Cook enjoys drama and singing and Mr Starr is a sports specialist. They have both made a very positive start and both will bring lots of new skills to the staff team.

Thank you

On behalf of the staff, thank you so much to all of you that wrote cards and who gave thank you gifts at the end of the summer term. You were so generous and they were all appreciated so much by everyone.

Local Road Works

I have seen that there will be disruptive roadworks on the Chichester Road (just outside the Berkeley Homes entrances) and into North Bersted Street from 10th September until the 5th November. There will be multi-way traffic lights and they will cause congestion. Please allow extra time to ensure that the children are on time for school drop off and pick up. Thank you.

Absence

We hope that your child/ren won't fall ill but if they do, please make sure that you call school on the day of absence before 9am so that the correct register code is recorded. Messages not received will incur an unauthorised absence. The school operates an out of hours answer phone line if you want to leave a message.



Welcome

Welcome to our new children and families who have started school this term in Elm class (Year R). It has been lovely to see them enjoying their new surroundings and looking so smart. We also welcome other new children to other classes across the school. They are Clayton and Maja. We hope you have enjoyed your first few days and settle quickly.

The Start of the School Term

One of the areas which Headteachers are required to oversee is school attendance and this includes children arriving at school on time. Please ensure that the children arrive at school on time by the latest 9am and that they have everything that they need i.e. P.E kit. **The school gates will be locked by 9.05am and any late arrivals will then need to be signed in at the main school office and a reason given for being late.** This is to ensure that lessons can begin on time without any disruptions. Punctuality really enables children to settle more quickly and to get into good habits and routines. Lateness and attendance is monitored closely. Bartons attendance figures need to improve significantly and external agencies will be involved for families that fall short of the expected attendance figure. Please avoid booking family holidays during school terms as they will not be authorised. Pupils are in school for 190 days each year which leaves 175 other days for holidays and activities. Research has shown that missed schooling does impact learning. Also please avoid booking routine medical and dental appointments during the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

School INSET Dates (2018-2019)

Please make a note of the following dates where school will be closed to pupils for staff training.

MONDAY: 25th FEBRUARY 2019

MONDAY: 6th MAY - National Bank Holiday

MONDAY: 22nd JULY 2019

TUESDAY: 23rd JULY 2019

Please find attached a full list of school event dates for the school year. As a working parent myself, I understand how important it is for you to have dates in advance so you can plan your diaries and know when things are happening. Throughout the year, other events will be planned e.g. school trips or visits and letters will be sent home with all of the relevant information. Please also check the school website for dates and useful information.