

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 4 20th April 2020



Well, the sun is shining and today should have been the beginning of the summer term so it feels strange to not be greeting the children for what is the best term in the school year. In my 27 years of teaching, this is the first time that I can't really plan ahead with specific things that will take place. It will be the first time that SAT's won't take place, that summer trips won't go ahead and we won't be able to produce the summer production. It is such a shame as we had high hopes for all of these things this year. With no clue as to when we will be able to safely return to school, the traditional summer activities probably just won't happen at all. That makes us all sad but at least everyone is staying safe. The Department for Education send us daily updates as do the local authority and so as soon as we know anything, we will let you know. The media have recently been broadly speculating about when schools might open again. Please do not take too much notice of these wild claims because they do not know any details that we don't. As soon as I know then you will know. One thing we have discussed though is that we will still have some kind of Year 6 Leavers assembly even if we don't return before the end of July. There will also still be the annual end of year school reports sent home to parents in July with a few adjustments because there will be some obvious gaps in the learning of the curriculum.

In what has turned into a new tradition for me here is this weeks quote about happiness:

*"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have."* Frederick Keonig.



### Week Beginning Monday 20th April

This week, school has resumed for key worker and vulnerable children only. A few parents have made contact today and Mrs A. Powell has been happy to help with your questions. Please remember that you can email us if you need any help/advice or leave a message on the answer phone but someone will be in the office most days. Although the office isn't manned everyday, someone will come back to you when they can.

Last week families found out about Reception school places for September. Congratulations if you were offered a place. Over the next few weeks, we will work on sending out forms and information re: accepting the Bartons school place offer. Please be patient as at the moment we cannot offer any details about transition since we do not know when we will return to school. If this continues to be difficult then we will post useful information on the school website.

If you applied for a Bartons school place and didn't get one then you will need to contact West Sussex South Admissions and ask to be put on the Bartons school waiting list. We do not deal with this directly and so only admissions can help you. There maybe a form online that you can complete for this and so look on the West Sussex County Council website. Please don't panic as the school lists do change by September.

This week we launched our new Facebook Bartons Primary School page. This will be where we will post useful information and reminders for you. We hope that you will 'like' the page and find it helpful. Thank you to those that already have. So for now keep going, take care, stay safe and well all of you. Have a good week! Kate Powell.