



TEAM BARTONS

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After two weeks of the new term, the children have all settled straight back into learning, showing enthusiasm and motivation. It has been lovely to see the new Reception children getting to know each other, making new friends and exploring 'big school'. We hope you've had a great week? **Don't forget, it is Maths Investigation day on Monday 16th** and we would love the children to dress in anything 'Maths'. As the letter suggested, try and adapt a t-shirt with numbers on or find patterned clothing.

Ali Sparkes - Our New Patron of Reading

During Book Week, we were very lucky to work with Ali Sparkes, the children's author. Many pupils worked with her on creative writing and bought her signed books. Ali was so impressed with our school that she approached us about working together again. She said, *'At Bartons Primary, I had such a lovely day that I started selling myself as their Patron of Reading so I could go back and work with the children across the whole school year. I've been POR to five schools over the years but this is the first time I've been the one to suggest it. I was so pleased when they decided to adopt me.'* So, Ali will be back in school on 18th September to work with Years 4 -6 on writing and reading exciting texts. She will be our Patron of Reading for two years and we are very excited to be working with such an inspirational and engaging author who loves to work with young people and support a love of reading and writing.

New School Councillors

This week, each class, from Year 1 to Year 6, have elected their new School Councillors. This is a very important role and these children represent their class friends views and make suggestions about school life. Working with Mrs A. Powell this year will be:

Jessica and Ralph (Beech class)

Holly and Aidan (Chestnut class)

Evelyn and Freddie (Hazel class)

Maddie and Elwood (Ash class)

Chloe and Harrison R (Lime class)

Annalisa and Kai (Cedar Class)



Congratulations!

Helpful Information

For all parents/carers, here are some useful reminders:

The school has a **strict nut free policy** because there are children with severe allergies so please **DO NOT** give your child **any NUT** products and **nut spreads** like peanut butter/ Nutella in sandwiches.

- Lunch boxes should be healthy ones. Please limit the amount of sweet items and fizzy drinks are not allowed.
- All uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles should be clearly named so that they can be returned safely.
- Please ensure that the office have up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses for you. This is essential because we don't want you to miss any information. Our communication system is ParentPay. All newsletters, information and trip details will all go through this.
- Hair that is below chin length and/or long fringes must be tied back. No tracks or patterns must be cut into the hair and hair must be of a natural colour. No jewellery is allowed except small stud earrings and no nail varnish should be worn. All jewellery must be removed for all P.E lessons, swimming and sports clubs.
- All pupils in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) are entitled to a free school meal. This is called the Universal Free School Meal. Should you be eligible for free school meals (FSM) claim forms are available online. We encourage all parents, who are eligible to claim, to register for free school meals as the school receives additional funding for pupils. Please ask for details.
- Please remember that scooters and bikes **should not be** ridden on site **before and after** school. We have noticed many children riding scooters after school from the classroom. The site is too busy with many parents, toddlers and grandparents; this could be dangerous.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell