

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 3 23rd September 2016

Well, I'm sure you will agree, what a beautiful morning it was this morning with the sun shining and not a cloud in the sky. It definitely sets us all up for a good day ahead and I love to see the children smiling as they come through the school gate ready to learn. As we head towards the end of September, I hope that the sunshine remains well into autumn and the smiles and learning grows further.

Core Learning Values and Skills

This term, the staff and I have been working on developing a set of core Learning Values and Skills for Bartons that supports the children in developing core skills matched to essential values for life. These help children to grow and learn by recognising what they need to do to develop themselves in order to be a good citizen in life. The values and skills will underpin the curriculum and ensure that whilst we are teaching the academic side, we are also ensuring that the education of the 'whole child' is developed. The core Learning Values are: Independence, Respect, Communication, Happiness, Responsibility and Creativity. One value will be focused on each half term and will have a set of skills matched to them. These will be displayed around the school and the teachers will plan work around these. The Learning Value that we have been looking at this term so far, is Independence. The skills matched to this value are: *being confident, self-motivated, organised, self-control, self-determination and resilience*. Opportunities to develop these skills further will be enhanced by having dedicated 'off timetable' skills days where these can be explored.

Team Bartons Houses

Please find attached the competition entry form for the children to devise our new house names. At Bartons, we would like to introduce a house system where the children all belong to a particular house and can be awarded house points for all kinds of good things. There will be a prize for the winning names.

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Z Gordon Chair of Governors: Mrs D Norris



Class Assemblies

This term we will be introducing class assemblies where once a term, each class will present aspects of their learning to the school. Parents of the children in the class will be invited to join us to celebrate their achievements. Class assemblies will start at 9.30am. The dates are as follows:

Beech Class: Thursday 17th November

Chestnut Class: Thursday 10th November

Lime Class: Thursday 24th November

Hazel Class: Thursday 1st December

Ash Class: Thursday 3rd November (joint Yr 4)

Oak Class: Thursday 3rd November (joint Yr 4)

Willow Class: Thursday 8th December.

Elm Class will do a special Christmas assembly on the 15th December at 9.30am.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



We will be holding a coffee afternoon on 30th September at 2.30pm to support the Macmillan charity. Do pop along for a tea/coffee and of course, a cake.

Parents Consultation Evenings

Please don't forget to sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher/s for parents evening coming up in a few weeks. The sign up sheets are in the library. Some classes still have a lot of appointments available.



Toys from Home

Over the last few weeks there has been an increasing number of toys being brought into school from home. Whilst we appreciate that children often want to show their toys, this can cause upset if they get lost or squabbles amongst other children. Please could toys be kept at home to avoid this happening. This includes Pokemon cards which have caused many arguments recently. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Harvest Festival

In a few weeks, the school will hold a special Harvest Festival assembly with Rev. Ann. This will be in celebration of harvest time and to give thanks for what we have. Through our moral and spiritual education, we want to raise the children's awareness of the plight of others and in particular, the homeless. The charity which we would like to support is a local charity that supports the homeless called Stone Pillow. When we have a firm date, we will send home a letter asking for donations of certain food types. Please watch this space for further information.