

Team Bartons



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Well, I can't believe that we are already here at half term and that it is nearly the end of October. As I look back on the start of term, it has certainly been a very busy one but I have really enjoyed getting to know you all. I am still busy learning the children's names but I am happy that I now know lots more and that I have met lots of parents. I will continue to be outside in the mornings as often as I can and I am keen to build positive partnerships so that you feel that you can come in and talk to me when you need to. We have achieved a lot this term; harvest festival, new core Learning Values and Skills, new FOB events, a new school logo, Year 5 swimming, a new website which is close to going live and many things on the horizon. Thank you for your continued support and please make sure that you have a safe and relaxing half term when it arrives. With the very best of wishes Kate Powell.

Harvest Festival



Thank you for all of your kind donations for our first Harvest Festival at school which we celebrated a week or so ago. We were able to display all of your generous contributions on six tables in the hall; it was an impressive sight. Reverend Ann led us all in helping us to think about those less fortunate. The children listened very well to the important message. Stone Pillow, the homeless charity, collected the food and offerings and thanked us for your generosity. Thank you very much for all of the items. I know they will be gratefully received.

100 Club and Film Night

Last week the hall was packed for Film Night. It was another success and the children really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the Friends of Bartons who organised the event with a great film, for the helpers who supervised and for the popcorn which went down very well. I'm sure there will be many more.

Congratulations to the winners of the first 100 Club draw drawn a fortnight ago. The lucky winners were Ethan's family - I hope the win came in handy. Watch out for the next 100 Club after half term. Good luck!



Spirit FM

Remember to listen to Spirit FM all week the week beginning the 7th November at 7.30am. Our children will star in the listeners competition Small Talk. The frequency to tune into is 96.6, 102.3, 106.6. Bartons will be famous!

Year 5 Tour Guides

This week we held the first of two Open Afternoons to allow new prospective parents to look around the school to see it in action. We had many visitors and I am thrilled to share with you that a large group of our oldest children in Year 5 acted as tour guides to show the parents around. They did a marvellous job and the feedback from every new parent was really positive. Mrs Lewis and I were so proud of the children who rose to the challenge superbly. In developing positive roles and responsibilities, this is the first of many opportunities that we will ask the children to do. Well done to the excellent Tour Guides!

School Uniform and Footwear

This week I have spent time in every class observing how the children learn and how the teachers teach. It has been a great experience and given me the chance to talk to the children more closely. One thing that I have noticed, though, is that some children are not wearing the correct uniform and are not wearing appropriate footwear. It is important that children look smart and are ready to learn and that they have sensible school shoes that are not trainers or casual everyday shoes. Casual shorts, black denim trousers, and brightly coloured shoes should not be worn to school. Please ensure that after half-term, the children wear the correct uniform. This includes a Bartons sweatshirt or cardigan, yellow t-shirt, charcoal grey or black trousers or shorts or skirt/pinafore dress and black sensible school shoes that are not fashion boots or trainers.

In the near future, we plan to change the uniform slightly to make it easier for parents and to incorporate the new school logo. This will be phased in over time and we hope to find a local stockist to hold the uniform for us, making it easier for you to order. We would like to phase out the yellow t-shirt, having listened to parents, in favour of white generic polo shirts that will not fade over time and can be bought from anywhere. Watch this space for more information and updates and guidance on a simple P.E kit soon.



The new 'House' names will be revealed after half term! Good luck.