

# Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School

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In the last week, Christmas certainly has arrived in school and the atmosphere has been one of excitement and the classes have been filled with laughter. Naturally, the children and all of the staff are tired but we still have lots of things to look forward to.

Last Friday, Years 3 and 4 sang the Spirit FM '23 Sleeps 'til Santa' song on the radio. That was fun!

Then last week, I experienced my first Bartons Christmas Fair and it was great to see so many people in the school hall and enjoying the odd mince pie at the refreshments. So much hard work and preparation had gone into making it one of the best so I thank you for donating items for the stalls, for all coming along and supporting us in our on-going fund raising for the children. Special thanks must go to The Friends of Bartons who spent hours planning, organising and co-ordinating the whole event and to the staff who stayed to help and made items to sell with the children. It was a great success and we raised in excess of £1000 which is a great achievement. Thank you everyone; it was another great effort by Team Bartons!

## Little Angel gets her Wings



Another highlight, this week, was the Year 1 and 2 production of 'Little Angel gets her Wings'. The children had worked very hard to learn the songs and their words and it all came together beautifully. There were some lovely moments; the enthusiastic singing, the brilliant costumes, the confident narrators who read perfectly and Little Angel (Elizabeth) who did an outstanding job. Well done to each and every one of you. We were all very proud of you. Thanks again to the staff who made the magic happen; again we couldn't do it without you.

## Consent Form and Home School Agreement

We are still waiting for the last few yellow consent forms and pink Home-School Agreements from some families. We need them back from every family so please return them as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day is Thursday 15th December. Please wear your favourite Christmas jumper or a decorated jumper for a donation to Save the Children.

## Christmas Disco - 14th December

Tickets are now on sale for the school discos.

They cost £2 each. The times are:

5pm - 5.45pm (Yrs R, 1 & 2 )

6pm - 7pm (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)

## Welcome back

It is great to welcome back Miss Hayley Jewson to Bartons as a teaching assistant in Beech class. Miss Jewson knows the staff and children well, having worked at Bartons previously.



## Maths Teaching and Learning

This term, the staff team have been reviewing the curriculum to see where we can improve outcomes for children. One of these areas is Maths and in light of the more challenging National Curriculum expectations, we want to find ways to excite children more about Maths and to raise their confidence. In the New Year, the teachers will undertake some exciting training and we will introduce some amazing new resources that we have bought. I am also mindful that we need to support parents so that you can support your child's learning at home. I have arranged some subscriptions to some excellent on-line resources that you will be able to access at home. Details will follow in the New Year. In the mean time, the Oxford University Press run a brilliant free resource that parents can join. It can be found at [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and has a wealth of resources including e-books that you can share with your child. The children can choose a book to read and also have it read to them. Please register for these great free resources.

## Attendance and Late Arrivals

Part of my role is to monitor attendance. Next week, we will send home the registration certificates for your child showing you their percentage attendance this term. Attendance needs to improve in this school as many children are falling under the acceptable percentage of 95%. Time away from school affects learning. I have also noticed too many children arriving late to school. Children must be in school by 9am and if they are late, there must be a valid reason given. Persistent lateness is also being monitored. Parents should be aware that fines can also be imposed for regular lateness. Kate Powell