

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 1 6th January 2017

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you all had an exciting and relaxing break. It has been lovely to hear from the children all of the things that they did and to see them looking smart and keen to learn on the first week back to school. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you for your kind cards and gifts that many of us received at the end of term. The staff were overwhelmed by your generosity so thank you very much. The end of term was great fun and we all enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers, the magic show, party and our Christingle service in school. One of the highlights for me, was the 'Bartons Got Talent' show which saw the children perform their acts and we were joined by some special judges. Well done to Angel who came first, Scarlett who came second and Summer and Brooke who came in third place. Well done to everyone who took part.

This term, we will be packing in lots of exciting activities for the children. Special days, Book Week, trips and visitors will feature through the spring and I will keep you up to date on when they will happen. Our school value is 'Communication' and the children will explore the skills that support positive communication.



### Collecting Postage Stamps

Please remember to save your used postage stamps and bring them into school. We are collecting them for The Elizabeth Foundation. This is an amazing charity who support children with additional needs. We have a collection box in the school entrance and hope that we can collect loads to help the charity. Thank you for your support.

### Attendance and Late Arrivals

Please can I remind you that school starts at 9am and the children should be in class by 9am. The gates are open at 8.45am so there is plenty of time to arrive at school on time. Early morning club now starts at 8.15am for any children who need to come earlier to school. Any arrivals after 9am and before 9.05am will be marked as late and any arrivals after 9.05am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. There are still too many children arriving late to school without a reasonable explanation. Please be aware that persistent lateness and unauthorised absences can be referred onto the Local Authority for investigation. Absence from school and being frequently late has an impact on how your child learns and their social skills. Please also avoid family trips and holidays during school time as I am unable to authorise them except in exceptional circumstances. Routine medical and dental appointments should also not be made in school time. Thank you.

### Welcome to Team Bartons

This term we welcome Kayleigh and Zuzanna to Willow class. They have settled in already and we hope that both of you will really enjoy your time here at Bartons. We also welcome Mrs Grantham who has joined the staff as teaching assistant in Willow class. Mrs Grantham brings lots of sporting expertise which we know the children will really enjoy.

### Uniform

This term, we will embark on finalising our new stockist for our new school uniform. We will be phasing out, over time, the yellow polo shirt in favour of a white one with our new logo on it. Jumpers and cardigans will also include the new logo. New 'House' coloured t-shirts will be introduced for all children for P.E lessons together with generic dark coloured shorts. We are trying to update the uniform but also make it easier and more affordable for families. This week the children found out the house that they are in. Best wishes Kate Powell