





Bartons Primary School Newsletter 16 10th January 2020

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I trust that you all had a lovely Christmas break and some relaxing family time. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you to all of the parents and children that gave cards and gifts to school staff at the end of term. You were very generous and they were much appreciated.

This term, we have lots of special activities planned including Creative Arts day, Book Week, specific character themed dressing up day and many more. This week has been Science Week and the classes have enjoyed some very creative science themed topics all week. Thank you Mr Hayne for co-ordinating the activities and for showing just how amazing science is.

<u>Ofsted</u>

After what has seemed like a long wait, Ofsted finally released the inspection report yesterday and so I can now share with you that we are officially a GOOD school. A lot of hard work has been done over the last few years; we were confident of a positive outcome and so we were thrilled to get very good feedback on what they saw and found. They looked at a range of evidence and documentation, observed lessons, interviewed various members of staff, children, parents and Governors and scrutinised all of our work. I am very proud of what we have achieved and the judgement is testament to the journey of the school and everyone's hard work. I would like to say thank you to my amazing staff who have worked their hardest, to the Governors who dedicate their time to support the school, to the parents who support us and the pupils for just being so brilliant. Thank you and well done Team Bartons!

Maths and English Workshops

It is nearly time for our annual parent workshops in the next few weeks. The Maths workshop will be on the 15th January at 2pm and the English one will be on the 30th January at 2pm. Please do come along; we will talk about recent developments in these subjects and how you can help your child at home. Invitations will be coming home to invite you along.

<u>Class Assemblies</u>

This terms class assembly dates are as follows: Elm Class: THURSDAY 5th March at 9.15am Beech Class: THURSDAY 2nd April at 9.15am Chestnut Class: FRIDAY 20th March at 9.15am Hazel Class: THURSDAY 19th March at 9.15am Ash Class: FRIDAY 27th March at 9.15am Lime Class: THURSDAY 12th March at 9.15am Cedar Class: THURSDAY 13th February at 9.15am Oak Class: THURSDAY 27th February at 9.15am We hope that you can join us!

<u>Golden Ticket Winner</u>

Golden Tickets are awarded to children for excellence in learning. This recognition could be for demonstrating our school values, for trying very hard in particular areas or for showing great achievements in a range of areas. The tickets are very special. The recipients of a special Golden Ticket have their name entered into the golden box raffle and at the end of term, one name is drawn out to receive a prize. Last terms winner was Peter in Ash class. Many congratulations to Peter and we hope that you enjoy spending your Book Token.

Welcome

This term, we welcome Mrs Hazelden back to Bartons. Mrs Hazelden is well known to the children and is covering PPA across the school twice a week. Mrs Calton has returned to school two days a week following her maternity leave. She will now job share with Mrs Windeatt in Ash class. Mrs Cogger has also returned to the class room as a teaching assistant in Oak class. She will also work in the school office on Tuesdays. We welcome Mr Gill, a student teacher from Chichester University who will be working alongside Mr Hayne and Cedar class.

<u>Baby News</u>

I am pleased to tell you that Miss Cook gave birth to a baby boy called Digby on New Year's Day. He was 7lbs 5oz and both Mum and baby are doing very well. I am sure that you will join with us in sending warm wishes to Briony and Barry on the safe arrival of Digby.

<u>Scooters</u>

Please remember not to leave any bikes or scooters at school over night. Sadly, a few have recently been left and stolen. The school can't take any responsibility for that but if you cannot take them home then Mr Cook will always put them in a safe place for you.

Have a great weekend! Kate Powell