

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School
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English Workshop

I would like to remind you that the English Workshop for parents and carers will be on Wednesday 31st January in the school hall starting at 2pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about the expectations of the English curriculum and how you can support your child. Please do come along; there will be opportunity to ask questions and meet the English team. Recent feedback from the parents who came to the Maths workshop was very positive.

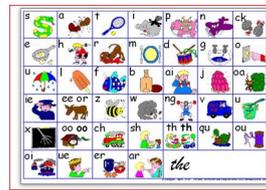
Walk Once a Week (WoW)



We will soon launch a walk to school initiative called Walk Once a Week (WoW) in association with The Living Streets charity. This is an incentive scheme for children to walk at least once a week to school.

Pupils will record daily how they come to school and those who walk once per week for a month are rewarded with a themed badge. Walking to school will include cycling and scootering to school. If they walk all the way from home, naturally this will count. Children will also be encouraged to and rewarded if they park and stride which means that they are driven to a certain point away from the school and then walk in the rest of the way. Parking beyond the surrounding streets e.g. Lethaby Road, Mackintosh Drive and Kelmscott Way will count as 'Park and Stride'. This is a national scheme and is promoted by the mascot Strider who may visit us on launch day. There will be a monthly trophy awarded to the class who have the most children 'walking at least once a week' to school. This is a popular scheme that over 80 schools in West Sussex are already involved with. It is about taking positive steps towards a healthy lifestyle because research has shown that a generation ago, 70% of children walked to school but now it is less than half. It is not easy for everyone to do but making an effort to do it at least once a week will make a difference.

Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents/Carers



Mrs Eyre would like to run two Phonics meetings (on the same day) for parents on Tuesday 27th February. This will help to inform parents/carers on the expectations of the phonic screening test which the children will do in June. She will explain what the children need to know and how parents/carers can help their children at home. The meetings will be at 9am and again at 2.30pm on the 27th February. You will only need to come to one of them. We hope that you will be able to make it.

Class Assemblies

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELM CLASS AND CHESTNUT CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES HAVE CHANGED. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused and the dates are as follows:

Elm Class: NOW 8th March (was 9th)

Beech Class: 23rd March at 9.15am

Chestnut Class: NOW 9th March (was 8th)

Hazel Class: 16th March at 9.15am

Oak Class: 22nd February at 9.15am

Ash Class: 22nd March at 9.15am

Willow Class: 1st March at 9.15am

Lime Class: 15th March at 9.15am

Cedar Class: 29th March at 9.15am

School Values and Skills

The School Value focus for this half term is Communication and the skills that the children will explore and refine are: 'speaking and listening', 'sharing', 'collaborating', 'persuading', 'discussing', 'encouraging' and 'co-operating'. During lessons, teachers will plan activities that enable the children to practice and hone their skills in these areas to improve their communication. There is also a focus on activities that require children to 'actively listen' and 'take turns' sensibly. These approaches enhance our Working With Others (WWO) programme and teach the children to work collaboratively and independently. At home, please encourage your child/ren to actively listen and to take turns positively. Do let class teachers know if you see this in action at home and if your child is trying extra hard to improve these skills. There could be bonus house points on offer!

Valentines Disco



Please make a note of the date for the Valentines Disco to be held on the 9th February. This is always popular with the children and further details will follow shortly.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell