



TEAM BARTONS

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Welcome back to school after half term. I hope you had a good week and were able to have some valuable family time together. It is a shame that the weather was so awful at times. Thank you for your patience when we had to close the school on the last Friday when we encountered the rare red weather warning. As a consequence of the storm, all IT systems were running very slowly and communication was difficult. Thankfully, these things don't happen very often. The decision was made at the earliest point that we could and was in line with all of our locality schools. In fact, at just after 9am, the local authority instructed all West Sussex schools to close due to safety concerns for families and staff.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children went to Chichester Festival Theatre to see 'Private Peaceful'. The children loved it and again showed exemplary behaviour.

Covid-19

You will have seen, in the news, that the Prime Minister has removed all Covid restrictions and that adults and children who test positive for Covid-19 will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In response to this, we will be reviewing our school guidance and expectations and will make this available to you in due course.

Parents Consultation Evenings

Please make sure you have booked a parent consultation appointment for next week. Appointments are available on ParentMail on a first come first serve basis. If you are unable to make an appointment then please talk to the class teacher to see if an alternative time or phone call can be mutually agreed. Thank you.

Messy Church



Rev. Jo and friends have missed you all at Messy Church and they hope to be back in school in April with a wonderful Easter Messy church event. In the meantime, if you are looking for something different, join us for **Build it Church**, family time with a Bible story and an opportunity to build with Lego. Sunday 13th March, 4pm Holy Cross Church hall.

Book Week

This week, has been Book Week and the children have celebrated and shown real enthusiasm for studying their class text. There have been amazing activities taking place including a very exciting online visit from author Momoko Abe, green screen filming, animations, story fun, fantastic art, creative writing, poetry, watching films and the return of The Masked Reader. I wonder if the children guessed correctly all of the staff who were reading the Snail and the Whale story? It was really funny. On Thursday, I enjoyed working with a group of talented Year 5 and 6 artists to produce painted portraits of Greek Gods. They worked so hard and I can't wait to display the final pieces. Look out for photos soon on the class pages, on the school website and in next week's newsletter. Thank you Mr Hayne for organizing the whole week!

Important Dates Coming Up

8th March: Parents Consultations (3.45pm - 5.30pm)

9th March: Parents Consultations (4pm - 6.45pm)

11th March: Creative Arts Day

18th March: Red Nose Day - Non-uniform day for a £1

8th April: Last Day of Term

11th April - 22nd April: Easter Holidays

25th April: Back to School .

Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell