

Team Bartons



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It has been another busy and blustery week in school and it has been great to see the children back into the routine of working hard and enjoying their learning.

Welcome to Daniel who has joined Beech class this week. We hope that you will be very happy here.

Keeping Children Safe On-line

Keeping children safe on-line is all of our responsibility and at school we teach and discuss this area with the children so that they know the benefits and dangers. Last week, we made parents aware that many of our children are actively using social media and that parents should be checking their children's use regularly so that they are clear about what their children are accessing. With this in mind, I wanted to tell you that the BBC have just launched a new internet safety website aimed at 9 to 12 year olds. Its aim is to help develop confidence and resilience in the digital space and offers a range of advice, tips and stories.

Please have a look and share with your children as appropriate. The link is www.bbc.co.uk/ownit

Safer Internet day is Tuesday 6th February and we will spend the day exploring and discussing some of the areas previously mentioned with the children. Also on that day, Miss De Silva will take assemblies and she will run a parents meeting at 2.15pm in the hall. Please come a long to find out how you can help support your child/ren with using the internet and to ask any questions.

Maths Workshop

Thank you to all of you that came to our Maths workshop on Thursday. We hope that you found it helpful and that you now understand more about how we teach Maths at Bartons. Thank you to the staff who put the presentations together. Maths is one of our school priorities and over the last year, we have made many changes to the way we teach Maths. These have been for the better and the children's progress and attitudes towards it have changed significantly. The English workshop will run on the 31st January at 2pm and we hope to see lots of you there.

Contact Information

We are still waiting for a number of updated contact information sheets from families that we sent home at the end of last term. It is very important that we have an up to date list of contacts in the case of emergency. This includes providing an email address. Please do this as soon as possible so that our records are accurate.

Class Assemblies

Class assembly dates were sent out last week and are now on the website. We have had to make a change so **PLEASE NOTE THAT ELM CLASS AND CHESTNUT CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES HAVE CHANGED.**

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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

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

Walk Once a Week (WoW)

In a few weeks, we will 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 how they come to school and those who walk once per week for a month are rewarded with a themed badge. This is a national scheme and is promoted by the mascot Strider. This is a popular scheme that over 80 schools in West Sussex are involved with. More details will follow soon.

Book Week

Book Week will start on 12th March and will continue throughout the week. There will be book and story themed activities including a Bedtime Story opportunity for Yr R to Yr 3 children after school and a character dressing up day. On this day we will set a theme for each class and we would like everyone to join in. The children always look forward to this week and further details will follow shortly.

Illness including Sickness and Diarrhoea

I would like to remind all parents that if your child is ill then please ensure you call the school office giving the reason for the child's absence. If we don't hear from you, we will call you to find out where they are. Recently, many children and staff have suffered from the winter sickness and diarrhoea bug. In the event of a sickness or diarrhoea bout then children **must not** attend school until 48 hours has passed following the last bout. This is to stop the spread of germs and will give your child time to recover. Thank you.

Have a great weekend! Kate Powell