

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 20 23rd February 2018

Welcome back to school and I hope that you all had a lovely break. The children have returned this week full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. There are lots of things to look forward to this half term culminating in some fun Easter activities.

Well done to Oak class who presented the first Class assembly of the term yesterday. It was lovely to hear about their learning and to see their Tudor dancing and drama re-enactments.

Book Week

This week we have been aware of comments made on social media about our forthcoming Book Week and dressing up day. I would like to clarify that our Book Week is carefully planned by the staff and in agreement with the School Council and the classes. We believe that immersing children in rich 'age appropriate' literature with a focus enables children to explore and deepen their understanding and makes learning more meaningful. Authors have not been simply plucked from nowhere. Naturally, Book Week isn't the only time that we focus on exploring literature with children and so they will have the chance to enjoy other authors and books through the year. Many parents also take their children to the public libraries where displays and activities supplement a love of reading by sharing the latest authors and best sellers. This is open to everyone. **As previously stated in the last newsletter:** **We hope that you will take part** in this fun day and please **homemade costumes are best. We don't expect parents to buy costumes or to go to lots of trouble** but to enjoy the occasion. If you do not want to take part then that is your choice. We **do not** force anyone to against their will. Also the suggestion that a child would be ill that day is totally unnecessary and would not be authorised. As a school we are always here to help so if you need any support then please don't hesitate to ask your class teacher. The children and staff always really enjoy this time. Thank you for your support and I hope that it gives you a context.

Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents/Carers



Mrs Eyre will 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.

Parent Evening Sign Up Sheets

Parents Evenings are on the 27th February and the 1st March. Sign up appointment sheets are available in the library. Please ensure that you book an appointment. If you are unable to pop into school to sign up then please call the office where Mrs Toone will be happy to book one for you.

Emails

Next week, we will send out emails to test our new communication system. Please look out for the test email if you have registered a current email address with us. If you don't receive one and **have** registered then please let Mrs Toone know. Please note that not all parents registered an email address on the updated contact sheets and so will not receive one. If you would like to receive emails then please ensure that the office have one as soon as possible.

Universal Free School Meals

Can I remind parents that for children in receipt of the Universal Free School Meal (Years R, 1 and 2), if you decide for them to switch to a packed lunch then you must let us know. Each week the numbers of meals has to be calculated and submitted to Chartwells. Lately, there have been some discrepancies so we would ask that you tell us of any changes.

Sport Relief

Sport Relief day is coming up on 23rd March. On this day, we invite the children to come to school dressed in their best sports kit/clothes. For this privilege, we would ask for a donation of £1 which supports this worthwhile charity. We hope that you will be able to join in. Thank you.

Valentines Disco

Thank you to all of the children that came to the disco before half term. It was great fun and we raised £340. Thank you to all of the helpers and staff who gave up their time to support.