

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 7 11th May 2020

Important

Last night you will have seen the announcement by the Prime Minister.

I'm sure that it raised many questions for you, in respect of your own work and your child's. I need to let you know that I heard about the potential reopening of schools at exactly the same time as you did and so with little information at the moment, we don't have many answers to questions that parents may have. Boris Johnson outlined **who** the year groups might be but not **how** this would happen in reality. He also said that **only** if certain measures had been achieved could schools then be in a position to accept more pupils. I want to reassure you that behind the scenes there have been many on-going conversations about this roadmap but we are still uncertain of what the scientific evidence is and what will happen re: the virus in the next few weeks. Please be patient whilst we process the facts and guidance from the DfE which we are currently waiting for. We are working on a plan but although Boris Johnson implied that it could be Years R, 1 and 6 who will have a phased return, we are still uncertain about that. I'm sure parents would recognise that social distancing in school with young children will be highly challenging. We will provide you with more information in due course. As a parent myself and being a Headteacher, I still need assurances from the Government and the Local Authority that safety is being put first for our children and my staff.

Week Beginning Monday 11th May

School continues to be open but only for key worker and vulnerable children only. The Government key worker list **hasn't** changed and so the safest place for children is still at home. Please be mindful that we cannot accept children who do not meet the criteria and so please be supportive of this. Thank you.

VE Day 75th Anniversary

I feel privileged today at work to hear stories from the people who lived through VE Day. Thankyou to the children @Team_Bartons for making this bunting for Leslie Smith ward, it really cheered up the staff and patients!!! #heros #VEDay75 @nhs_sct



I hope that in some way you and your family were able to celebrate VE Day. It was such a shame that our original plans had had to be cancelled but at least we were able to do our bit in school to commemorate the important occasion.

Children in Willow Club had made bunting and posters and we gave some of these to Bognor Hospital to decorate the wards. Thank you to Steffi Bailey for sending us this picture.

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Thank you for all of your on-going support through these difficult times. I hope that all of you and your wider family are well. I have been so pleased to know that the Team Bartons community is stronger than ever. Please remember that whilst we miss the children and want to get back to school, it isn't going to be straight forward and we all need assurances that it will be safe. We are working very hard to ensure that we have all of the facts and so will make the best decisions we can for the good of our school. I found this quote which says to me that; there will be hard decisions taken but they will be the right ones for us.



Have a great week. Stay safe. Kate Powell.