



TEAM BARTONS

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School Communication

This week, we had an alert from our **old** messaging service ParentMail, that some parents had been using it to message the school. Please can I remind parents that all school communication is now through **ParentPay** and we switched over on the 31st May this year. ParentMail is not used anymore and so isn't monitored by any school staff. **Please do not use it.**

School absence can be reported either on the dedicated section in 'Communication' in ParentPay or you can leave a telephone message on the school answering machine facility. Messages should be received by 9am. If we do not hear from you, then we will contact you and it may go down as an unauthorised absence. Accrued unauthorised absence can trigger an FPN fine. Parents/carers need to send a message for every day of the absence.

BBC 500 Words Story Competition



The UK's most successful writing competition for children run by the BBC has returned. This week, Mrs A. Powell told the children all about the competition in assembly. The theme is "Write a story you would love to read". It is for 5-11 year olds and closes on Friday 10 November.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

For more details, check out the BBC Teach website where you can see the criteria and lots of ideas to get them started. Mrs A. Powell did offer any interested children that she would read through any drafts, if it helped. It would be great if any of the children had a go. Good luck!

Harvest Festival

Please bring your donations to school on Monday 9th October for our Harvest Festival assembly. In assembly, we will be thinking about people in the Ukraine. If you can, please would you donate any of the following items:

- ◆ Instant pasta, packets of rice or lentils
- ◆ Instant packets of soup & cup a soups
- ◆ Any tins, especially soup
- ◆ Long life milk, any sort including dairy free
- ◆ Cereal, energy bars
- ◆ Packets of microwave rice
- ◆ Pot Noodles or similar
- ◆ Baby/toddler food and formula milk
- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Medical items including dressings, antiseptic cream or plasters
- ◆ Soap and shower gel for all ages.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination

Please don't forget to complete the online consent form for the flu nasal spray vaccination to **either consent or refuse** to your child having this vaccination which is still open for Bartons children. Please note the deadline for this is Wednesday 11th October at 11am. Some parents have encountered a few problems completing the form so the advice is to not 'autofill' the form with your child's information and to make sure that you have entered the correct SX code for our school.

Useful Diary Dates Coming Up

9th: Harvest Festival Assembly.

12th: Open Afternoon for prospective parents of Year R children in 2024 (1.30-2.30pm) By appointment only.

Year 6 Survival Night.

13th: Yellow School Photos (individual)

18th: Flu Vaccination.

Year R parent meeting at 1.30pm in hall.

Half Term: 23rd – 27th: October.

30th: Back to School. Maths Week.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell