

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL BARTONS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Autumn Term Governor Newsletter 2018

So, another term is nearly over and what a busy term it has been. Welcome to those children who have started at Bartons this term. We hope you are happy and settling in well.

We have had some changes on the Governing body. Deborah Norris, our clerk, left this term and we wish her well. We welcome Jennie Lindfield as our new clerk. Rev Jo King and Mike Pink have joined us as co-opted and parent governors respectively. If you wish to contact any member of the Governing Body please email: <u>clerk@bartonsprimary.school</u>

We have had two full Governing Body meetings, as well as Curriculum and Resources sub-committee meetings and attended learning walks. These are one of our favourite things to do as we get to talk to the children about what they are doing. They are always very happy to tell us what they are learning about and show us around their class room. We have had two important meetings with West Sussex County Council about progress towards school improvement in light of our Ofsted judgement and we are working very hard to make improvements to the school. West Sussex County Council are happy with the good progress we are making as a school and Governing body; there is still work to do but is great we are all heading in the right direction together.

Many of us were at parents evening earlier in the term to chat to you about what we do and get some feedback from you about the school. It was lovely to hear such positive comments about Bartons, the teaching staff and children. Members of the Governing body have also attended a range of assemblies and seen all the amazing topics the children are learning about. The children all speak with such enthusiasm and passion for what they have been studying - it is lovely to see and we learn lots too!

The lead up to Christmas is always busy. The Christmas Fair this year was fantastic! Thank you to all those who helped set it up. Congratulations on raising over £1000 towards the new library. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and say what a great job the Friends of Bartons do for the school. They do so many fun events for the children but they need more helpers. If you would like to help out next term, or have ideas of how your class can help raise some money to go towards our new library then please contact <u>office@bartonsprimary.school</u> they would love your help and ideas.

Those of us who watched 'Light, Camel, Action' thought it was FAB-U-LOUS darling; the acting, singing and dancing was fantastic and got us all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to all the staff who helped put on the performances and to the parents for supporting the children and helping with costumes and lines. Most of all congratulations children on a wonderful show; you get a 10 from us! The Christmas Carol concert was, as always, wonderful. The children sang beautifully in front of their very proud parents, family and the staff of the school. The hats for the last song certainly finished with a flourish and a good dose of the Christmas spirit!

The Governing body would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff who make Bartons such a wonderful school, it is a team effort and really shows. Go Team Bartons!

We wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

C Neaves and A Oyns on behalf of Bartons Primary School Governing Body.