

I hope that you all had a lovely long weekend and managed to have some quality family time together. The weather wasn't very good which was such a shame but I am looking forward to the better weather arriving; whenever that is!

On Thursday, the children had their class photographs taken. These photographs are the modern style group photographs which are very popular. We hope to have the proofs back in a few weeks and will let you know when they arrive.

AFTER - SCHOOL CLUBS

mentioned last week. the teachers As have volunteered to run a variety of free after school clubs for the children starting after half term. As we try and move away from paper copies, we are going to run an electronic booking system via ParentMail for you to book the clubs. On Monday 10th May, we will tell you what it will look like and what you need to do. It will include important dates when the booking list goes live to book as well as the deadline for selecting clubs. We anticipate that these will be popular and will be on a first come first serve basis. Please only choose two clubs that you know your child would like and we will try and accommodate as many of the children as possible. After the allocation of clubs, if there are any spaces, we will then open the remainder of clubs up to everyone to select further. This will be a new system which we hope will be much easier for you to manage but please be patient if we find that there are any gremlins or teething problems in the setting up. The clubs will be: Outdoor Games (Mrs A. Powell), First Aid (Mrs Lewis), Drama (Miss Cook), Story Telling (Miss Yardley), Rounders (Mrs Olliver), Media (Mr Hayne), Art (Miss Grimsey), Gardening (Mrs Reynolds) and T-Ball (Mrs Morris). These will run in 'bubbles' and numbers will be limited.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



Today we say goodbye to Kacy and Kieran who are leaving Bartons to relocate to other schools. We would

like to wish you both lots of good luck and we hope that you settle really quickly at your new schools. Take care and we will miss you!

WATER BOTTLES

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council will be very busy this term with a variety of projects that they have chosen to work on to support all children in the school. Working with Mrs A. Powell, one of these projects that I want them to do is to devise a new school motto that supports our school ethos and reflects Team Bartons. Another one is to source and decorate a new friendship bench for the outside space. A friendship bench is a place that children can go to at break times when perhaps they haven't got anyone to play with. The school councillors will monitor the bench and would support any child/ren who needed a bit of help. This is a lovely idea and we are hoping that families can support this by donating some brightly coloured paint (emulsion or gloss paint) that the children can use to decorate it. Please only donate new or newly opened paint: no old pots from the garage! We hope that you'll be able to help us. Thank you so much.

USEFUL DIARY DATES

17th May: Outdoor Learning Day 28th May: Numicon Maths Day 31st May - 4th June: Half Term 7th June: Back to School - Enrichment Week 21st June: Year 6 Residential 2nd July: Sports Day - closed to parents 16th July: Reports go out 19th July: Changeover class morning 22nd July: Last day of term 23rd July: INSET day - school closed 6th September: Autumn Term starts Stay safe! Best wishes Kate Powell