

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School

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Welcome back to school after half term and I hope that you all had a great break. Sadly, the weather was pretty awful but I'm sure that the children enjoyed the rest. The staff returned to school on Monday where we had an external trainer working with us on developing the teaching phonics further. This was a great training day for all of us and supports the updated way that we teach phonics.

Before half term, Cedar class presented their learning to us in their class assembly. They shared some excellent pieces of literacy and history work and we even had a tag rugby demonstration. Well done Cedar class! On Thursday, Oak class presented us with their learning. In their assembly, the children shared their history work, art and some very whizzy maths skills. Well done to Filip and Kevin who showed their amazing quick recall of times tables. Filip; your speed on the computer blew us all away with how fast and accurate you were. Well done Oak class; you showed how hard you are working.

Book Week

Our annual Book Week is next week with World Book day on Thursday 5th March. The staff have organised activities throughout the week planned around the class nominated author and we are all really looking forward to it. For World Book day, we invite the children to dress up as a character from the elected class author or theme, as explained in Newsletter 17 (17th January.) Homemade costumes are best and **WE DO NOT EXPECT PARENTS TO BUY NEW COSTUMES**. This is a fun day and if your child favours an alternative book character then they can come as that. Each child will receive a £1 token World Book day voucher which can be exchanged for the official £1 books or as a £1 discount against a book in book stores.

Travelling Book Fair



To coincide with Book Week, the Travelling Book Fair will be in school from the 28th February until the 5th March after school. Please come along to have a look at the books on sale and remember that the more books we sell, the more new books we can choose for our new library.

Parents Evening

Parents Evenings are next week on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March. Please ensure that you have made an appointment to see your child/rens teacher so that you can find out how your child is getting on. Some of the Governors will attend both evenings so please chat to them and they will be happy to answer any of your questions. They will also provide refreshments for a donation of 20p.

Creative Arts Day

On the last day of term, we had Creative Arts Day. This year, the theme was 'faces' and the children worked with other children from classes across the school. They were asked to choose an art workshop from a range of different types including clay, wire sculptures, cardboard modelling, painting and totem poles. The children had a brilliant day working with new friends and different staff. Work examples can be seen on the website and huge thanks to Mrs Reynolds who organised the whole day. Well done everyone!

Coronavirus

You will certainly be aware of the news coverage surrounding the outbreak of the coronavirus around the world. Public Health England and the Local Authority are regularly updating schools of the situation and the precautions we can take to minimise the spread of the illness. There are no cases locally and so there is no threat of infection. However, we can all do our bit to ensure good hygiene is encouraged with the children. Please talk to your child about washing their hands and with this letter, we have included an information poster which highlights what to look for and what to do if you are concerned about the coronavirus. I will keep you updated if anything changes.

Valentines Disco

On Valentines day, the Friends of Bartons held a disco for the children which was very well attended. The evening went very well and we raised £366.60. Thank you to all of the Friends who gave up their time to support and to the staff that stayed to help. We couldn't do it without you.

Have a great weekend. Best wishes Kate Powell