



# TEAM BARTONS

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This week, Ali Sparkes, our new Patron of Reading visited us and worked all day with the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 on enjoying reading and creative writing. She used her own book, 'Thunder Struck' to inspire the children to write exciting stories and set them a challenge to enter her competition. The competition for Years 4, 5 and 6 is to write 500 words of either a spooky story set in Bartons, a spooky story set on Bognor beach or to write from the point of view of a spooky character. The full details are available in the classroom. I hope you'll all have a try.

## Messy Church Dates

This terms Messy Church dates are: 16th October, 20th November and the 11th December. Rev. Jo and friends will run Messy Church at school from 3.15pm - 5pm. All welcome for craft activities that explore the stories and themes of the bible, suitable for the whole family.

## Harvest Festival

On Monday 7th October, we will hold our annual Harvest Festival assembly. In the assembly, we will think about others in hardship and appreciate what we have ourselves. This year, to show kindness, we are collecting donations of food for the local Food Bank. Please support this by sending items into school on Monday 9th.

Please would you donate any of the following items:

- ◆ Instant pasta, packets of rice or lentils
- ◆ Instant packets of soup & cup a soups
- ◆ Dried pasta or spaghetti
- ◆ Jars of pasta sauce
- ◆ Any tins, including soup, tuna, rice pudding
- ◆ Long life milk
- ◆ Packets of microwave rice
- ◆ Bottles of squash
- ◆ Multi-packs of crisps
- ◆ Packets of biscuits

All items must be within date and unopened. Out of date foods cannot be used so please select them carefully. Families have always supported this well and so please help us to show the children why thinking of others is important. Even just one item donated will help support a family so in advance of this, thank you very much.

## New House Captains



This week, our Year 6 children prepared and read out their speeches in assembly, hoping to be elected as this years House Captains. All of the candidates read really well and were excited to share their aspirations and promises to persuade the captive audience to vote for them. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward. The elections took place today and the newly elected House captains will be announced on Monday so good luck to everyone.

## School Learning & Information on the School Website

At Bartons, all of the staff work hard to make the school the best it can be. Staff are highly skilled, highly organised and want every child to do well. Everyone is friendly; always approachable and they are happy to help. We work hard to ensure that all of the learning and additional activities are balanced well and support our wider curriculum. Most of our clubs are run by school staff and they do this voluntarily for free, giving up their own time to support the children. We also plan trips carefully that enhance learning and support the primary curriculum well.

To ensure that parents are fully involved in their children's education, we share this great learning and all of the activities on the school website. Each class has a 'Class Page' and the teachers keep this updated regularly so that families can see what the children have been doing. A termly topic newsletter, outlining the learning, is posted each term and this year includes an overview of the upcoming trips and costs for the year. The teachers love sharing what we have all been doing so please take some time to have a look. The information is all there to help you.

*Have a great weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell*