



TEAM BARTONS

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Ofsted Report

I hope that you have been able to read the Ofsted report that we sent out on Monday. We were very pleased that, over the two days, the inspector identified all the strengths of our school and listened to all the views of the school community. These positive conversations supported the evidence we submitted. She praised the learning attitudes of the children, the excellent behaviour, the strengths of teaching and learning especially in the core subjects, our curriculum, the provision for SEND and the personal development and opportunities for the children. She captured the spirit and ethos of Team Bartons really well. The areas for improvement, that she identified, are fair, in that our assessment processes for the foundation subjects are still fairly new and so, are not, yet, fully in place in some subjects. This is something that we have been working on and so, we are very aware of what still needs to be done. Naturally, all of the work that we do is a team effort and I am very lucky to work with such hardworking and talented people, and wonderful children. Thank you to all of the staff and Governors who work tirelessly to make our school the best it can be. I am very proud of our school - Well done Team Bartons!

Target Sheets

Today, families will receive their child's target sheet which gives you an indication of how your child is getting on in class. These target sheets can be discussed at Parents Evening, which is after half term, and the teachers will let you know how to help your child going forward this year.

Book Week (3rd - 7th March) and World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating the joy of reading and literature during Book Week. This year, we have planned various activities focused on comics, cartoon strips and reading for pleasure. We have an author visiting us on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March and there will be an opportunity to buy books and have them signed. On World Book Day, Thursday 6th March, the children are welcome to come to school dressed as a comic or cartoon character or in any other creative outfit inspired by comics. We hope the children will all take part.

Safer Internet Day



Tuesday was Safer Internet day and the children explored activities that discussed the theme; 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others online.' Children in Elm, Beech and Chestnut classes learnt about what personal information means and ways to keep this safe when using games, apps and websites online. Hazel and Ash class explored common pop up scams that often appear in games, whilst Lime and Cedar class learnt more about the term phishing and how to protect themselves from scam (phishing) emails. The children showed a good level of maturity around these issues and were able to clearly discuss the ways they can keep themselves safe when they are online.

Useful Diary Dates 2025 (All dates are on the school website)

FEBRUARY

(HALF TERM: 17th - 21st)

24th: INSET Day – school closed for pupils.

25th: Creative Arts Week.

Artist Darrell Wakelam working with Year 5 children.

MARCH

3rd: BOOK WEEK – book/author activities. To be confirmed.

6th: World Book Day. Dressing Up day - Comic/cartoon character

11th: Parents Evening – (3.45pm – 5.45pm)

12th: Messy Church at 3.15pm

14th: Comic Relief Day - Non-uniform day donation of £1 to charity for the privilege.

19th: Parents Evening – (4pm – 6.45pm)

21st: National Poetry day

25th: Sharing of work 3.15 – 3.45pm. Parents invited in to see children's work.

26th: Sharing of work 8.40 - 9am. Parents invited in to see children's work.

31st: Easter assembly.

APRIL

4th: End of Term.

9.15am Assembly - Easter Egg raffle draw.

(EASTER HOLIDAYS: 7th April – 18th April)

22nd: TUESDAY BACK TO SCHOOL & 'Active' Maths day.

24th: Parent Workshop for parents of Years 4, 5 & 6 (Talking to your young person) from the Thought-full Team.

MAY

1st: Class Photo Day - all children in correct uniform please

5th: BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – School closed to pupils

12th: Year 6 SAT's Week – no absence will be authorised.

(HALF TERM: 26th – 30th)

Valentines Cake Bake Off

Today, we have held our Valentines Bake Off competition and were really impressed with the variety of amazing cake entries. Thank you to all of the children who entered. The funds raised will go towards the Sussex Air Ambulance charity and support Tim Reynolds who is running the London marathon for them after the air ambulance saved the life of his son; one of our pupils last year. It was a tough job judging all of the entries (I really enjoyed tasting the lovely cakes) but the final winners were:

1st prize: Ava C

2nd prize: Ella B

3rd prize: Obi

Congratulations to the winners who all won a lovely cooking themed hamper. There were so many great entries that we wanted to acknowledge the runners up with a small prize too. These were Noah and Eden, Erin and Evie, Isabella P and Ruby G. Other worthy mentions are for Dylan, Summer, Deniz, Maia T, Jaxon P, Jesse P, Willow, Lucy C, Sofia I, Ruby-Rose and Jason. I will let you know how much we raised after half term. Thank you to everyone for your amazing entries.

Have a great half term! Best wishes Kate Powell