

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 2 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

It is incredible that we have already been back to school for two weeks and I have been impressed in how enthusiastic and mature the children have been on their return. I am also so pleased that our new Reception children have settled so quickly and most skip through the gate smiling into class. As a Mum, myself, I know how reassuring that is for new parents. Just a polite reminder to ask that parents don't stand around chatting on site in groups at the beginning and end of the school day. Some parents have reported that in places, on occasions, there have been groups of parents chatting. If you could do this off site then we would really appreciate it. Also for parents waiting to collect siblings, please could you wait away from the main path (perhaps on the grass) so that the parents walking past can flow easily. Thank you so much.

### New School Councillors

This week, each class, from Year 1 to Year 6, have elected their new School Councillors. This is a very important role and these children represent their class mates views and make suggestions about school life.

Many congratulations to:

*Elsie & Charlie (Beech class)*

*Ruby-Rose & Euan (Chestnut class)*

*Esme & William (Hazel class)*

*Ruby & Oliver (Ash class)*

*Harrie & Leo (Lime class)*

*Livia & Bradley (Cedar class)*

### Addendum to Teaching and Learning Policy

In the case of a child being in self-isolation, quarantine, or there is a local or full lockdown, our school will provide activities to help children to keep in touch with the learning that is taking place in the classroom. Please see the Addendum to Teaching and Learning in the Parents section - Covid-19 Secure School section on the website.

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A Powell

### Parents: Helpful and General Reminders

For all parents/carers, here are some useful reminders:

- all uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles should be clearly named so that if any get mislaid, they can be returned safely.
- hair that is below chin length must be tied back. Long fringes must be tied back. No tracks or patterns must be cut into the hair and hair must be of a natural colour. No jewellery is allowed except small stud earrings and no nail varnish should be worn. All jewellery must be removed for P.E.
- lunch boxes should be healthy ones. Please try to limit the amount of sweet items and do not include fizzy drinks. **The school has a nut free policy because there are children who have allergies so please avoid providing any nut products and nut spreads like peanut butter/Nutella in sandwiches.**
- All pupils in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) are entitled to a free school meal. This is called the Universal Free School Meal. Should you be eligible for free school meals (FSM) claim forms are available from the school office. We encourage all parents, who are eligible to claim, to register for free school meals as the school receives additional funding for these pupils and this can be used to support your child in school.
- If your child is ill then please ensure you call the school office giving the reason for the child's absence. If we don't hear from you, we will call you to find out where they are. In the event of sickness or diarrhoea, children must not attend school until 48 hours has passed following the last bout.
- All routine medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day or in the holidays. For all absence requests, the office has a form that parents must complete prior to any absence from school.
- The school has a texting message service which you are automatically enrolled to if we have a current mobile number on our system. This is used to keep you updated on events or notices.
- School trousers, pinafores and skirts should be grey and **NOT** black. There seems to be confusion around this. The school uniform was changed and rebranded in 2017 and this has been in our uniform policy since then. There have been several reminders about this on past newsletters.
- *Have a great weekend! Regards Kate Powell*

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