

Bartons Primary School Newsletter 4 3rd February 2017

We are rapidly heading towards half term and things in school have been very busy. I am very aware that I haven't been out much on the gate over the last two weeks. This is because I have been out on training courses and conferences. I will resume, greeting you in the morning next week. Lately, there has been much to celebrate. The children are enjoying Friday's assembly where 'Stars of the Week' certificates are awarded for examples of great work and behaviour. We are celebrating birthdays and the WWO batons are going home with little challenges for families; we have enjoyed hearing about these. Soon, we will be holding elections for the older children to become 'House Captains' and then we will launch the award of house points across the school.

## New Enforced Traffic Regulations

You may recall, last year, that I told you that the local authority were updating regulations for the yellow zig-zags in Lethaby Road, making them a no stopping zone with enforceable laws to fine anyone parking on them. This has happened across West Sussex and is being introduced to ensure safety for families outside schools. This has been done this week and there is now an enforcement sign by the staff car park. I must remind you never to park on the yellow zig-zags. We have been told that teams will check these areas regularly.

## **Smoking on School Premises**

I have had complaints recently that some parents are smoking or 'vaping' on the school premises. Please can I remind you that just as hospitals do not allow smoking on their grounds; schools do not either. Please ensure that if you do smoke or vape, that you are well clear of the school gates outside of school and that you are away from any children who are coming into school. Thank you.

#### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's are once again running their Active Kids voucher scheme. Do collect them for us if you shop at Sainsbury's because they enable us to buy sports equipment for the children. There is a collection box in the school Reception. Thank you for your support.

## Friends of Bartons Quiz Night

Quiz night is Friday 10th February at school at 7pm. We would love to have lots of teams but so far we have had one team enter. If further teams haven't entered by Monday then it will not go ahead. There are lots of prizes to win in the raffle. It costs  $\pm 2.50$  per team member and it will be lots of fun.

## M Uniform Update

A few weeks ago, Mrs Toone and I met with JWSports who will be our new supplier of school uniform. JWSports have a sports shop on Bognor High Street and supply uniform to most of the local schools. They will be showing us the samples next week. Once, we are in a position to make orders, we will let you know. In the mean time, if you need any uniform items and can't wait for the new one then you can buy the current uniform half price. Please ask in the school office.

## Early Morning Club

Early Morning Club now opens at 8.15am and for a small contribution, you can drop your children there without prior booking. We have noticed that some children are being left unattended before 8.15am. Please do not leave your child on their own waiting outside. We expect an adult to wait with the child/ren for safety reasons. Thank you.

# School Neighbours and Parking

Can I please remind all parents that we must park considerately when parking near to school. I have had more complaints from neighbours of parents **parking in driveways**, blocking access, speeding and parking on the pavements. Some have also been sworn at. We must be courteous and polite; setting good examples to the children. The neighbours do have the right to report you to the police. Best wishes Kate Powell PTO