

Bartons Primary School Newsletter 5 4th October 2019

This week, Year 6 have taken part in the West Sussex County Council Bikeability cycling safety course. This is an annual course that runs for a week and the instructors teach the children essential cycling road safety. The children

have worked hard and day by day have improved their skills. Well done to all of the children who have been successful this week in completing the course.

<u>Harvest Festival</u>



Our in-house Harvest Festival celebration will be on Tuesday 8th October led by Rev. Jo King. Traditionally, we collect food and household items to donate to local charities. Again this year, we would like

to collect items for the Bognor Food Bank. The Food banks help local families who are on low incomes or in need of emergency help. On **Monday the 7th October**, we would love to receive any donations of the following (sealed and in date items):

- Cereals
- Tinned Spaghetti, Ravioli, Macaroni Cheese
- Tinned Fish/Meat
- Rice
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Rice Pudding
- Coffee
- Fruit Juice, Squash
- Longlife Milk
- Spreads (Jam, Peanut Butter, Marmite etc.)
- Biscuits
- Treats (Chocolate, Crisps etc.)
- Toiletries (Shower Gel, Shampoo)

New Governors

This term we welcome two new Governors to the school Governing Body. I am pleased to introduce Julia Sheppard who joins as a Co-opted Governor and Richard Doherty who joins as a Parent Governor. Thank you for supporting the school and I look forward to working with you.

Parents Evening Sign Up Sheets

From Monday, 7th October the sign up sheets for the forthcoming Parents Consultation Evenings will be available in the school library. Parents can pop in and sign up for an appointment time which is convenient. If you are unable to sign up in person, then please call the school office where the ladies will be able to help you find an appointment time. Parents Evenings are being held on Tuesday 15th October between 4.30pm and 7.30pm and Wednesday 16th October between 3.30pm and Parents should 5.30pm. be aware that appointments are ten minutes and teachers do need to stay on time to ensure that times do not over run unnecessarily.

Bag2School Collection

Thank you to everyone who brought in bags of unwanted clothes and material items this week for our Bag2School collection. We had more bags than ever and we managed to raise a great total of £111.60. Thank you all for supporting this because this money will go into our library fund raising pot and as they say, 'every little counts'. This amount, together with the donation from John Lewis, gives us a whopping £957 raised just this term! Over the year, we will hold lots of events to raise further funds towards our dream new library.

Library Update

Last week, I had a very productive meeting with a library design company where we discussed the kinds of things we would like and how it reflects our school community. It was a very lively discussion and very exciting too. I am hoping that if we have raised enough money and with the help of some grants, that we will be able to have the new library in place this academic year. Over the year, we will plan lots of fundraising activities so that we can make our dream come true and give the children a library that they can be proud of and deserve.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Last Friday, we held our annual coffee afternoon for the Macmillan charity. Thank you to everyone who came to help set up/clear away and of course, thank you to all of your generous donations of cake. It was lovely to see so many of you come along, despite the awful weather, and we raised £78.36. Thank you for your support for such a great charity. I'm sure many of us have been touched by the work of the charity and our donation will help in some capacity.

Have a great weekend! Best Wishes Kate Powell