

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter Autumn 2018



11th September 2018

Dear Parents

We would like to wish you a very warm welcome to Bartons Primary School. We have had a very busy and exciting time over the last week. It has been a real pleasure getting to know your children and we are very pleased with how they have settled in. Thank you for helping it to happen so smoothly. We are really pleased that many of the children have started coming into school on their own already and we would like to encourage more to do this. We now ask that you leave your child at the door to enable them to build their independence and confidence in sorting out their own belongings. It will also allow them to settle quickly to activities at the start of the day.



Our Learning Journey

We have started the term by getting to know the children through our topic What's in the Box? We have been looking at our Treasure boxes to help us get to know each other and share information with our friends.

We will be finding out what we are good at and what we would like to get better at by introducing new activities over the weeks. We will continue to provide lots of different opportunities to develop the children's learning. This will largely be done through self-initiated play supported by a variety of adult focused activities covering all areas of the curriculum.

We have already started to introduce phonics (through listening to sounds) and there has been lots of counting work through songs and games. We will be moving on to rhyming and using sounds we can hear in our names. This work can be supported at home through talk and play as well as by completing the simple activities we will be sending home later in the term.

I have attached a paper copy of the planning overview for this half term.

Alternatively, a copy is available for you to view on our noticeboard or on the school website www.bartons.w-sussex.sch.uk.



Collection Arrangements

Please let us know if there are any other adults who will be picking your child up from school. There is a form to complete if there are regular arrangements; please ask Mrs Reynolds if this applies to you. It is really helpful if we have this information, to avoid confusion at home time.

PE information



Our PE day will be Thursday. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit with them in school. This should be **named clearly** in their PE bag and hanging on their peg. We would be very grateful if you could help your child to practise dressing and undressing him or herself independently at home. Not only is this a vital life skill but also it really helps us to use our precious hall time efficiently. Please also ensure that earrings are removed on Thursdays and long hair is tied back securely.

Help Required!

We would warmly welcome any offers of support or help from parents or grandparents of children in Elm class. If you have any spare time, to hear readers for example, please contact your child's class teacher for details.

We also always need the following items for resources:

- Junk-modelling materials. e.g. clean boxes, paper tubes, cartons, plastic tubs etc.
- Role play clothes/ dressing up.
- Spare pants and socks



Contacting us

It has been lovely to meet so many parents and carers and we look forward to building a strong relationship with you as your child progresses through the school. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Mrs Reynolds yet please let us know and we will arrange a convenient time for this to happen.

We are really pleased that many of the children have started coming into school on their own already but we are aware that this means that sometimes you don't have the opportunity to speak to us. If you have any general concerns that you would like to address then please ask to see us outside school hours, either before or after school. You can also arrange this by contacting the school office on 01243 822056. There will be an opportunity to book appointments for the forthcoming parent's evenings soon.

Many Thanks

Mrs Reynolds and
The Early Years Team.

