



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

We would like to give you all a warm welcome to Bartons Primary School. It has been a real pleasure getting to know all the children and we are very excited for the year ahead! Over the last few weeks the children have settled in well. It has been great to see some of the children starting to come into school by themselves. We would like to encourage you to leave the children at the door with us, to enable them to build their independence and confidence. This will also allow them to settle in quickly and focus for the start of the day.

We have also welcomed Miss Lewis to Elm Class who is volunteering with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Topic



This term our topic is split into two parts. First half-term our topic is 'Marvellous Me'. We will have the opportunity to get to know each other and share what we like with our friends. We have already started this by sharing our 'All About Me' treasure boxes. We will be focusing on identifying different parts of the body and exploring our senses. This will be achieved through lots of self-initiated play and adult focused activities. After half-term our topic will be 'Reach for the Stars'. We will be learning about Space by exploring fiction and non-fiction books.



We have started to introduce phonics, through listening to sounds and rhythms. We will soon be teaching the children the pure sounds for each letter. This can be supported at home through talk and play as well as working together to complete the simple activities we will be sending home later in the term.

In maths, we have been using songs and games to support our counting. We have started to introduce the Numicon which is our Maths approach at Bartons Primary. Please encourage children to practise their counting around the home and when out and about. It would be great to see children recognising numbers when they are out e.g. door numbers, bus numbers etc.





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. Please ensure that earrings are removed on Thursdays. Long hair should be tied back securely every day.

How can you help?

- **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, ask and answer questions about what you have read.
- Encourage children to **independently dress** and undress themselves
- Please ensure all items of clothing/ lunch boxes and water bottles are **clearly labelled**

Important dates:

27/09/19 - Macmillan coffee afternoon 2pm

04/10/19 - Flu vaccinations

14/10/19 - Individual and sibling photographs

15/10/19 - Parents Evening (4:30pm - 7:30pm)

16/10/19 - Parents Evening (3:30pm - 5:30pm)

08/11/19 - 6 weeks meeting for parents at 2pm

15/11/19 - Non-uniform day, Children in Need £1 donation

29/11/19 - Non-uniform day (please bring in Christmas fair items)

06/12/19 - Christmas Fair 3:30pm

09/12/19 - Sharing of work invitation for parents 8:45-9:15am

12/12/19 - Sharing of work invitation for parents 3:15-3:45pm

13/12/19 - Christmas Jumper Day

19/12/19 - Elm Class Assembly 9:15 am

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. We are looking forward to a really fantastic year.

Many Thanks,
Miss Yardley and Mrs Spencer