

TEAM BARTONS



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This week, there have been many exciting activities. On Monday, it was Outdoor Learning day and all of the classes did focussed learning outside using our environment as stimulus. The children loved it and the weather was kind thankfully. Lime class found a lizard (*I think it was a newt*) which made their day. On Tuesday, Cedar class had 'Holes day', where the class dressed up as characters from their class text called Holes by Louis Sachar. The children and Mr Hayne all looked brilliant! On Wednesday, Ash class had a school trip to Butser Farm as part of their topic. They were fantastic learning about the Stone Age and the Anglo Saxons. Next week, actors from Chichester Festival Theatre are coming to run workshops for Upper KS2.

BEHAVIOUR AND BAD LANGUAGE

We are lucky that behaviour at Bartons is consistently very good but there are few occasions that children do not meet our high standards. We like to catch children being good and praising good behaviour is at the heart of our school. Recently, there have been some incidents that show some children making poor choices. School staff are very experienced with dealing with this but in the last week, I have had 3 complaints from parents about some Bartons children swearing outside of school in the park. In assembly, I explained that hearing bad language from children is appalling and that poor behaviour outside of school, whilst wearing your school uniform, reflects badly on our school. We talked about making good choices and not behaving in a way that would disappoint and upset your family. We take a tough line on bad and inappropriate language/behaviour and I would ask that you talk to your child/ren about the consequences of displaying these behaviours including rudeness. Our behaviour rules and policy are very clear and I expect all pupils to know and understand these.

THANK YOU

Last week, we were informed that John Wiley & Sons, had donated £250 towards our library fund. This is great news and I wanted to say thank you to Emma Strickland for nominating us for this special community gift. This will help us so much.

WEARING MASKS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Can I remind all parents that for now, our Covid-19 risk assessment has **not** changed and therefore we **still** require visitors including parents to wear face coverings on site. This will be reviewed after half term and we will update you accordingly.

YEAR 5 SURVEY

I'm still waiting for a few more Year 5 parents to respond to the Bikeability survey sent out last week. If I don't have responses from the majority of families by the end of next week, then the activity won't be viable. Please respond even if you are saying that you don't want your child to do it. I just need to know in order to be able to plan. As explained in the letter, there would be a cost of £10 for participation but we are heavily subsidising the rest of the costs. It only takes 10 seconds to do so please respond as soon as possible. Thank you to all of you that have done so already. The safety training for the children is so important and we would like to run it. Thank you.

LATEST CRAZE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

I've been made aware of a craze that is popular with young people and wanted to let you all know about it. It is called 'Tap Out' and involves someone being held in a head lock until they pass out. It is pretty shocking; it hasn't happened here but I think all parents should be aware of this. As a parent myself, I would want to know about it. I expect this is on social media so remember to check what your child/ren are looking at.

AFTER - SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to everyone who has successfully booked the after - school clubs through ParentMail. We are currently looking at allocations and will come back to you next week with all of the information as soon as we can.

Take care! Best wishes Kate Powell