

Team Bartons

2021



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 15 8th January 2021

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you had a happy and healthy Christmas. Thank you to all of you that sent messages, cards and gave gifts to staff at the end of term. You were very generous and they were much appreciated. Thank you also for all of your donations towards a leaving gift for Mrs Toone. Whilst she was sad to be leaving, she was incredibly touched by the warm messages and gifts from parents and the Governors. Thank you very much on her behalf. The start to 2021 wasn't exactly what I had had in mind in that we were back one day and then the next day, we were not! As you would expect, Team Bartons went into action and were planned and good to go from Wednesday. Thank you for your patience whilst we organised the in-school provision. You can imagine how difficult it was. Thank you also for the positive support you have given us. The staff work very hard and these are of course, challenging times for everyone. As ever, if you have any queries or worries please contact school and someone will come back to you as soon as they can.

Welcome



This term, we welcome Jake and Madison who have joined Bartons. Despite the strange start to the term, I hope you will both be very happy here.

We also officially welcome Ms Debbie Camp who is our new school secretary. Debbie has lots of school office experience and started with us before Christmas. Debbie is a fabulous addition to Team Bartons. Yay!

Free School Meals

The Local Authority have informed us that children who are in receipt of Free School Meals (not the infant universal FSM) will be entitled to a food hamper from next week. Please note that this is **ONLY** for FSM children who are **NOT** attending school. Next week, we will contact eligible parents and let you know when you can collect. Please bring a strong bag or box.

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A. Powell Chair of Governors: Mrs C. Neaves

The British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy back in November. Bartons raised a brilliant £222.29.

Remote Learning

On Wednesday, we launched our remote learning for all pupils. All children have all of the logins and are experienced in using SeeSaw our online learning platform. The staff have worked very hard to plan a range of curriculum lessons and activities matched to their topic. This will include recorded live lessons and lessons using the Oak Academy. All resources are high quality and the DfE has said that children should work between 3-4 hours per day. Naturally this will be difficult sometimes and so please do your best. We do expect all children to engage in the provided learning and staff will call home if children do not submit regular work. Please monitor your child - there is plenty to do. With regard to the Governments promises of laptops; this promise has not yet been fulfilled despite our requests. If you are having difficulty, one solution could be to use an X-box or a PlayStation 4 console. Please google for further additional information or see the instructions below. I hope that that helps.

Did you know you can use an Xbox or PlayStation to browse the internet?

Allowing you to view Google Classroom, Seesaw and other websites?



XBOX

1. Go to 'My games and apps'
2. Find 'Microsoft Edge' and select
3. Visit the website



You can use the controller to type and select, and can even plug in a USB keyboard!

PLAYSTATION 4

1. Go to 'Library'
2. Select 'All'
3. Select 'Internet Browser'
4. Visit the website



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Provision in school

For children attending school, please arrive at 8.30am when lessons start. Please attend on the days you have requested. All children will now receive a hot meal but you can send a packed lunch if you prefer. School now finishes at 3pm.

Stay safe and be well. Best wishes Kate Powell