

# Team Bartons



## Bartons Primary School Newsletter 6 17th February 2017

We have finally reached half term and I think that the children and staff are definitely ready for a break. I hope that you have some lovely plans for the week and enjoy some quality family time. Let's hope that the weather is kind so that the children can get out and about. We come back to school on Monday 27th February, hopefully refreshed and ready to learn and we all look forward to seeing what the children will achieve in the second half term. The school Value on our return will be 'Happiness' with the associated skills being; self-esteem, pride, self-belief, building relationships, enjoyment and positivity. The children will explore these skills through all aspects of their work.

### Parents Consultation Evenings

Don't forget Parents Consultation Evenings are coming up after half term on two dates; Tuesday 7th March (4.30pm - 7.30pm) and Thursday 9th March (3.30pm - 5.30pm). The sign up sheets are now available in the library for you to book an appointment. If you are unable to sign up in person then please give the school office a ring or email where they will be able to help you book a slot. It is very important that teachers get to meet all parents/carers to discuss children's progress. Mrs Gordon will be available on Tuesday only.

### Uniform Update

Last week, we met with JWSports to look at samples of the new uniform and to discuss the introduction of the new P.E kit. We are very happy with how it will look and the quality of the products. We are now waiting for confirmation of timescales and will let you know as soon as we do.



### Pancakes at Lunch Time

Chartwells, the lunch provider, will be offering pancakes at lunch time on Friday 3rd March. Children who have the Universal Free School Meal (Yrs R to 2) will automatically get one but any children who have a packed lunch in KS1 or any children in KS2 who would like one as part of their lunch, need to book on-line at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk) or telephone 01243 836130. There have been posters up publicising the event and the deadline for orders is Sunday 19th February. Make sure you book in time by the end of this week.

### WWO Parents Meeting

On Tuesday 28th February at 2pm, parents are invited to come along to a WWO (Working with Others) parents meeting where you will find out how the collaborative learning approach works. The WWO approach is linked directly to our core learning values and Dr Cathy Ota who devised the practice, will be leading the meeting. The meeting will start with Dr Ota talking about why WWO is so important and then your child/ren will join you to take part in some fun activities which will help you to see why it is essential to learning. After the activities, the children will return to class and then there will be an opportunity to discuss the approach further. WWO is very important to our way of teaching and we think that you will find it helpful. Please do come along as we are very lucky to have Dr Ota join us and it will be a fun afternoon meeting.

### Parent Governors

The Governing Body are looking to recruit two parent Governors who can commit time to support the leadership of the school. The Governing Body is a group of volunteers who work closely with the Headteacher to ensure the best for all the children at Bartons. The term of office would be for four years. Please see the letter from the Chair of Governors, Deborah Norris, that went out yesterday, for more details.

*Have a really great half term! Kate Powell*