

Team Bartons

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Bartons Primary School
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I can hardly believe that we have reached the end of this first half term. What another whirlwind and rollercoaster few months it has been but thank you to you all for working hard, staying in touch and supporting us and the children. I am loving seeing the work on Seesaw and being able to add my comments. Keeping up with the daily work will ensure that when we return, the children will make the natural adjustment back into the routines of school. Please continue to motivate your child to do their best.

Team Bartons Shout Outs

Every week, we will give a big shout out to pupils who are working hard and showing great commitment to their work. This week the teachers have nominated:

Yr 6: Jensen for excellent independent working.

Yr 5: Maja for her positive attitude towards all of her home learning activities every day!

Yr 4: Dave for incredible enthusiasm daily.

Yr 3: Matilda for challenging herself and showing lots more confidence. Well done!

Yr 2: Harry R & Euan for completing every piece of work this half term. Miss Grimsey is so proud!

Yr 1: Milly for exceptional effort in all home work and for the diary entry using the sound 'au'.

Yr R: Tequila for enthusiastically working hard!

I would like to give a massive shout out to all of my staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this term. Thank you to the inspirational teachers who plan amazing work for the children; I am proud to be the Headteacher of this school. ❤️

Get Creative on Creative Arts Day

On Tuesday 23rd February, it will be Creative Arts day. There will be no formal work set (English, Maths or topic work) but there will be a variety of creative arts activities for you to choose from on Seesaw. We hope that you will take part and enjoy it.

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

Thoughts from the Week

The Mountain by Laura Ding-Edwards

If the mountain seems too big today, then climb a hill instead.
If the morning brings you sadness it's ok to stay in bed.
If the day ahead weighs heavy and your plans feel like a curse,
there's no shame in rearranging, don't make yourself feel worse.
If a shower stings like needles and a bath feels like you'll drown,
if you haven't washed your hair for days
don't throw away your crown.
A day is not a lifetime a rest is not defeat,
don't think of it as failure just a quiet, kind retreat.
It's ok to take a moment from an anxious, fractured mind,
the world will not stop turning, while you get realigned.
The mountain will still be there when you want to try again,
you can climb it in your own time, just love yourself till then.

A good friend sent this poem to me recently and I thought I would pass it on to you all as we reach the end of the first spring half - term. Over the last year, we have had to climb many new mountains and make big adjustments to our lives. We have had to see and do things differently; learn new skills and venture into unknown territory. Many of you are home learning for the first time; many the second time. Many of us have encountered sadness, loss and unplanned changes which we didn't foresee and wouldn't have wanted. But, we've all kept going because we have to and we know that there will be an end to this situation sometime soon. I keep thinking that with spring on its way, better times have to be ahead. Keep going everyone. Just know that you've done your best and that your family is safe. We're hopeful that we can open school fully at the right time soon and as soon as we have notification, we will look forward to see all of the children back again.

February Half-Term

School is closed for half-term from Monday 15th - 19th February. No work will be set for this week. School and remote learning will resume on Monday 22nd February. Try and have a break and some fun!

Chartwells Menu After Half-Term

Following the half-term break, the menu will be:

Day 1: Jacket potato with baked beans or jacket potato with tuna mayo (contains fish, egg and mustard)

Day 2: Hot dog sausage with $\frac{1}{2}$ jacket potato and baked beans, sweetcorn and beetroot salad.

Served with a pudding and Milk/Water (contains milk).

**For now take care and stay well over half term
Happy half term! Best wishes Kate Powell**