

# Team Bartons



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The weather certainly has been colder this week but it has been great to see the children equipped with the right outdoor clothing and happily playing at break times. Please keep sending the children to school with a warm coat, scarf and gloves and ensure that all are named please. This really helped today with the snow. The children were able to enjoy the snow and stay warm. Thank you to Mr Cook for clearing the paths for us all to get into school safely.

On Thursday, the school choir of Years 4, 5 and 6 children set off to London to join 20,000 other school children to sing in the O2. The day was a great success and despite the snowy trip back, the children loved every moment and behaved impeccably. Thank you Mrs Lewis for organising the event and for Mrs Wotton, Mrs Olliver and Ms Chandler for supporting the children throughout the day. These trips are about making memories and although a long day; it is absolutely worth every minute. Go Team Bartons!

## English Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who braved the cold and came along to our English workshop on Thursday afternoon. It was great to see so many of you there. I hope that you found the information useful and thank you to the English team but namely Mrs A. Powell and Mr Hayne for putting the presentation together. For those of you who couldn't make it, the presentation slides and information will be on the school website in the English section of Core learning very soon.

## Parents Evening Sign Up Sheets

The Parent Consultation Evening sign up sheets will be available in the library area from Monday 4th February. Please pop in to sign up for an appointment as soon as you can. If you aren't able to sign up in person because you don't do the school run or pick up then please call the school office where they will be happy to help you find a suitable slot. The Parents Evenings dates are Tuesday the 5th March (4.30pm - 7.30pm) and Thursday 7th March (3.30pm - 5.30pm).

## Book Week Themes

Our annual Book Week starts on the week beginning the 11th March. The whole week is dedicated to literature and the children have the opportunity to learn about an author and explore their work. This enables the children to immerse themselves in the particular style and themes of an author. This week is very popular with the children and it really helps to develop the children's love of reading and books. On Wednesday 13th, the children can come to school dressed as a book character from their classes elected author. This years themes will be:

Elm Class: Traditional Fairy Tale characters

Beech Class: Julia Donaldson

Chestnut Class: Oliver Jeffers

Hazel Class: Roald Dahl

Ash Class : David Walliams

Willow & Lime Class: Cressida Cowell

Oak & Cedar Class: Louis Sachar

These are well known authors appropriate for the particular age groups so if you are not sure who the author is or you are stuck for ideas then please do speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help. We hope that you will take part in this fun day and we must stress that **WE DO NOT EXPECT PARENTS TO BUY NEW COSTUMES OR TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT THEY WILL DO**. This is a fun day and homemade costumes are best; we always look forward to seeing the children dressed up. Naturally, if your child has an alternative book character that they favour then they can come as that. Thank you.

## Staff Absence

Sadly, Mrs Eyre from Chestnut class is still unwell and will be off school for a further three weeks. We are very mindful that the children should have the best teaching provision with minimal disruption. For that reason, we have tried to place the same cover teacher in the class. However, this week, the usual supply teacher has also been very unwell and so we have had a variety of different teachers. This is very unfortunate but thankfully Mrs Cook and Mrs Hazelden are there and remain the constant for the class and Mrs A. Powell and I are monitoring the provision. It would seem that across our locality, the winter illnesses have hit schools with a vengeance and so many staff, as well as the children, have suffered too. Thank you for your understanding and support and let's hope that the coughs and colds go away very soon.

*Have a great weekend! Stay safe. Kate Powell*