

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 3 20th January 2017

I hope that everyone has had a good week and despite the cold weather, that you are all having a calm January after a busy December. The children continue to be enthusiastic learners and are demonstrating lots of examples of positive 'Communication' which is our core Learning Value this term. Do encourage your child/ren to talk to you about their learning. This term, the children have had the opportunity to explore and to investigate our new Maths resources in their Maths lessons. The children may have talked to you about Numicon which is equipment designed to support learning by representing mathematical concepts using diagrams, apparatus and visual representations. It is an approach which is used in many schools and it has had proven impact in developing children's understanding and mathematical development. More details, for parents, of this approach will follow in due course.



Young Voices

Congratulations to all of the children who, following lots of rehearsals, went to the O2 arena this week to perform on stage as one huge choir. The children and adults who went, had an amazing time and the children sang their hearts out, singing together with other children from around the country. We are so proud of you and I know that you will remember this event and those special moments for the rest of your life. Thank you to all of the school staff who took good care of them during the day. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Eyre; thank you for everything and thank you Mrs Marsh and Mrs Pett for looking after those who didn't travel so well. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Lewis who organised the whole event. It does take a lot of time and commitment and so thank you from all of us! You are a star!



Late Arrivals

Please can I remind you that school starts at 9am and the children should be in class by 9am. The gates are open at 8.45am so there is plenty of time to arrive at school on time. Too many children are still arriving late.

Safeguarding and Security

Part of my role is to ensure and monitor the safety of the children and staff in the school building during school hours. This means that all visitors and parents should report to the school office to sign in if they are to enter the main school building. This ensures that I know who is in the building and why they are there for safety and fire regulation purposes. Recently, we have found that some parents are wandering into classrooms, coming into school through the library door and walking into the school office rather than walking around the side of the school to report at the front office. Please can I remind all parents that you must report to the front office for any enquiries. If you need to make an appointment with a member of staff then you will be able to make one there. To ensure the safety of the school staff, the school gates will be locked earlier at 3.20pm and classroom doors will be locked once all of the children have been collected. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's are once again running their Active Kids voucher scheme. If you shop at Sainsbury's or your family do then please keep the vouchers for us because with them, we are able to buy sports equipment for the children. Thank you.

Friend of Bartons Quiz Night

On Friday 10th February, we will be holding a quiz night from 7pm at school. We would like lots of teams to enter and there will be prizes to win. Please bring along your own food and drinks but I must stress that alcohol will not be allowed on the school premises. Do come along, to join in the fun.

Best wishes Kate Powell