

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 10 2nd June 2020



**KEEP
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HAPPY**

I hope this weeks newsletter finds you all fit and well and you have been able to enjoy the recent amazing sunny weather. It really has been glorious.

This week, we have been able to open the school to more children in a phased return for some Year R, 1 and 6 children. Much planning and hard work has been done to prepare the environment for the children's safe return and we are pleased with how we have adapted the school building. We have also had to expand our provision for key worker and vulnerable children as the Government has eased the lockdown restrictions. This has meant that we are approaching capacity and for some days, this provision is already full. Due to demand, we are having to offer places to families where all adults in the household are returning to their place of work and therefore there will be no one at home/working from home to look after the child/ren. We will be reviewing this week to week.

In order to staff the additional key worker bubbles, as well as accommodate the Year R, 1 and 6 children, the teachers are taking on additional responsibilities. This means that the format for online working will be different. Years R, 1 and 6 will have work set on a Wednesday and their teachers will review it on the following Wednesdays. This is for children who are not attending school and for those who are attending part-time. Thank you for your on-going support.

School Communication



I would like to remind all parents and carers to ensure that we have the correct details for you on file including the most up to date email address and mobile telephone number. This will ensure that you receive all correspondence from us including texts and newsletters etc. The staff work very hard to keep all families up to date with important information and it is frustrating for us when after sending this out that parents tell us they haven't received it or they haven't read it. During this time of uncertainty, please could I ask that you make sure that you read everything so that you won't miss out on anything.

Good News

Back at the beginning of lockdown, I applied to a local trust for some funding towards our library project. Whilst we have raised a considerable sum over the last 18 months, we are still a little way off achieving our dream total needed to start the refurbishment of the library. But last week, I heard that we had been given £5000 towards the project from The Southover Manor Trust. This is an amazing award and certainly puts us nearer to our total.

First Day Back in School



Well today we have welcomed back the first of our Year R, 1 and 6 groups and have seen many more key worker children also return to school. I am thrilled to report that it has gone very smoothly and all of us have really enjoyed seeing the children again after so long. They all seemed to have grown and they looked really happy to be back at school. I, too, really enjoyed seeing and chatting to many of you this morning. Thank you for your amazing support and we look forward to seeing Group B on Thursday. Take care everyone!

*Have a great week. Stay safe and well.
Kind regards Kate Powell.*