

Team Bartons



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Welcome back to school this week. I hope you all had a great half term and have enjoyed the lovely weather over the last few weeks.

It's been a busy week. The staff had a Numicon Maths training day on Monday where we explored essential areas of Maths led by a Numicon consultant. It was good to share our experiences and for the teachers to learn some new things too.

Valentines Disco

Thank you to the staff and Friends who helped at the Valentines disco before half term. It was a really fun evening and the children loved every minute. I love to see their happy faces and their brilliant dance moves.

Spirit FM Local Radio Station

This week Spirit FM joined us for some recording of the children as part of their Small Talk programme. They filmed the children in Key Stage 2 singing and then interviewed our Year 4 and 5 School Councillors. The children really enjoyed this opportunity to 'be famous'. To hear the interview, please tune into Spirit FM all week starting on Monday 11th March until Friday 15th at 7.25am on the Breakfast show and 3.30pm on the Home show. Well done Peter and Carys, Rosie and Tyler and James and Alexis. You can also see the KS2 children singing on Spirit Fm's website.

The Corporate Challenge

For the first time, 8 of our Year 5 and 6 children from Running club took part in the Chichester Corporate Challenge on Wednesday evening. This is a 1400m running race around the city streets of Chichester. Each race has about 100 competitors. The children did brilliantly and we are really proud of them. We are still awaiting the results but well done to Riley, Liam, Clayton, Jax, Alfie, George, Vienna and Lydia and thank you to Mrs A. Powell for training them so well.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Gemma who has joined Lime class this week. We hope that you have enjoyed your first week and you settle well. Welcome to Team Bartons!

Netball and Football Matches

A few weeks ago our Netball and Football B team took part in a locality tournament at The Regis. The children played well together against tough competitors. The Football team played 6 games where they won 2, drew 1 and lost 3 games. Well done to Jack who scored 4 goals and to James who scored 3! The Netball team never gave up and drew 2 games and lost 5. Well done to everyone who took part. We are really proud of you.

Momo Challenge

Recently, there has been a lot of media attention with regard to the 'Momo challenge' aimed at primary school aged children. It is the latest in a series of chain-letter viral stories. It has a disturbing image that represents the Momo character which can frighten children. Players who want to take part search online for a number to text or Whatsapp. Once they have sent the first message they get replies including challenges to commit self-harm or suicide as well as grotesque images. Sussex Police have informed us that whilst this is alarming, the occurrences seem rare. There have been a number of press reports about it being linked to suicides and self-harm but currently there is no evidence of direct harm caused by the game. I have put some guidance from The National Online Safety group on the school website (in the Parents section) about social media to help parents know what to do and say. Please do monitor your child's screen time and talk to them if you have any concerns. I have attached a leaflet which explains more about this.

Staff Absence

Sadly, Mrs Eyre is still unwell and will not be working in school for the next three weeks. However, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Stone who will teach Chestnut class over this period. Mrs Stone has worked at Bartons this week and so the children already know her well.

Diary Date Reminders...

MARCH 11th: BOOK WEEK

12th: Bedtime Story Years R - 3 (5pm -6pm)

13th: Dressing Up Character day

15th: Red Nose day - Non-uniform day donation of £1

18th: Sharing of work invitation for parents at 3.15pm - 3.45pm

19th: Sharing of work invitation for parents at 8.45am - 9.15am

20th—25th: Book fair in school.

APRIL 4th: Easter Egg Hunt

5th: Easter Egg Raffle draw and End of Term