

Team Bartons



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Welcome back to school this week after half term. I hope that you had a lovely week and quality family time. The children have come back to school enthusiastically and having spent time in lessons this week, they are really enjoying their learning. Well done to Willow class, who presented their Egyptian class assembly yesterday. They definitely taught us a thing or two. I particularly liked the 'walk like an Egyptian' dancing. We look forward to seeing Hazel class next Thursday. As a reminder, class assemblies will start at 9.15am and not 9.30am.

Team Bartons Book Week

You will recall that we will hold our Book Week the week beginning the 27th March. There will be book and story activities in school all week long and our special dressing up day will be Thursday 30th March. This year, the theme will be authors and each year group will explore the work of a particular author. A letter will follow shortly with all of the details of book week and also the author that your child's class will explore so that you will be able to plan a suitable costume for the 'dressing up' day.

Your child will also receive a World Book Day voucher that can be exchanged in leading book shops for a free World Book Day book. You may alternatively want to put the £1 voucher towards any other books of interest. Please remember that if you have any questions about costumes then do ask the class teacher and also we do not expect parents to have to go out and buy a costume. Homemade costumes are always great to see and should be simple to make with items from around the house. There will be prizes for best costumes.

WWO Parents Meeting

On Tuesday, we held our first WWO meeting for parents at school led by Dr Cathy Ota. This was an excellent meeting and it was really well attended. It was great to see so many of you there who wanted to find out more about the approach and how we use Working With Others in school. Thank you so much for supporting us and I hope that those of you that came, found it helpful. As a practitioner myself of over 14 years, I am so pleased that Bartons is a WWO school and that our children will benefit from developing their collaborative and independent skills which are essential skills for life. We hope to run other WWO meetings in the future. Go Team Bartons!

Parent Governors

The Governing Body received a few nominations for parent Governors and their appointments will be finalised shortly. There will be further details to follow from the Chair of Governors.

Parents Consultation Evenings

Don't forget Parents Consultation Evenings are coming up on two dates; Tuesday 7th March (4.30pm - 7.30pm) and Thursday 9th March (3.30pm - 5.30pm). The sign up sheets are now available in the library for you to book an appointment. If you are unable to sign up in person then please give the school office a ring or email where they will be able to help you book a slot. It is very important that teachers get to meet all parents/carers to discuss children's progress.

Attendance

Can I remind parents that non-urgent medical and routine dental appointments should not be made for during the school day. The Governors and I have been monitoring attendance figures and as a school we need to do better. Naturally, if your child is ill then they should not be in school but persistent absence and any percentages below 95%, will be looked at in more depth. Remember, if you have any concerns then do please come in and see me. We are here to help, where we can.