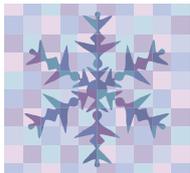


Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School Newsletter 2 13th January 2017

We have had a great week back at school and Christmas certainly seems a distant memory. The children have come back enthusiastic and excited about their learning. The teachers will soon be sending home letters, if they haven't already done so, about this term's topic and further information will be added to the class and curriculum pages on the school website. Please take time to have a look so you know how to support your child/ren.

 This week we have experienced a variety of weather and so it seems timely to make you aware of our adverse weather procedures if we encounter snow and have to consider closing. Schools will only close if the conditions are sufficiently poor and it is impossible or unsafe for staff and pupils alike to get to and from school.

If the school has to close then we will use the text service and website to make announcements. Please check that school has an up to date mobile number for you so that you receive alerts. I will also contact local radio stations i.e. Spirit FM, BBC Sussex, who will give out information on school closures. You can also check the West Sussex County Council website who also publish the names of the schools that are closed. If closures happen during the school day, then you will be notified, again, by text and via the website. Fingers crossed we don't have any snow!

Reading Books at Home

Please can we ask that all children take care of the school books that they take home. We have recently invested a lot of money into new texts and staff have noticed that some of the books are coming back to school torn and in a scruffy condition. If too many are damaged then we will have to ask for contributions from parents to replace the books. Thank you for your support.



Welcome to Team Bartons

This week we welcome Rhys to Willow class. We hope that you will really enjoy your time here at Bartons.

Arriving at School

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. Early morning club now starts at 8.15am for any children who need to come earlier to school. Thank you for your support.

Class Assembly Dates This Term

The dates for class assemblies this term are:

Elm Class: Thursday 23rd March

Beech Class: Friday 31st March

Chestnut Class: Thursday 16th March

Lime Class: Thursday 30th March

Hazel Class: Thursday 9th March

Oak Class: Thursday 6th April

Ash Class: Thursday 9th February

Willow Class: Thursday 2nd March

Parents are welcome to join us for these assemblies. Assemblies start in the hall at 9.10am.



Parking and Driving to School

Unfortunately, we have had more complaints from residents living in and around Lethaby Road about parking and parents driving too fast along the road into school. It is important that we work with our local community to keep one another safe and that we are polite and considerate. Can I remind parents that they should not park on the pavements as this is unsafe for pedestrians including parents with prams and pushchairs. We do encourage families to walk to school; to park down North Bersted Street, if possible, then to walk up to school. Many of you do this already and it certainly helps with traffic congestion. Please also ensure that you are driving at a speed of no more than 20mph and that you do not block residential driveways. Thank you as ever to those of you who do consistently walk to school and who do park considerately.

Best wishes Kate Powell