

I am so pleased that today is the last day of this adjusted school term and that on Monday we will welcome back the whole school to Team Bartons. Details were sent out on Tuesday and so please check timings of the school day as we still have staggered start and finish times in place. As previously mentioned, it will be non-school uniform for the 4 weeks but please ensure the children wear casual warm layered clothes and trainers to allow for outside activities. P.E kit should be worn on P.E days. Over these last few months, thank you for your hard work and for all of your fabulous positive support.

### TEAM BARTONS SHOUT OUTS



Our last 'Shout Outs' this week are:

Yr 6: Ethan for always completing every activity

Yr 5: Nicole for her endless enthusiasm towards her home learning

Yr 4: Eleanor for her consistent dedication and commitment to all of her work. Amazing!

Yr 3: Emily S for all of her hard work throughout.

Yr 2: Ellen for working so hard on all activities.

Yr 1: Morgan for completing every piece of work set! Well done Morgan.

Yr R: Oliver for trying so hard with all activities.

## **BOOK WEEK**

This week has been Book Week and we have all enjoyed some amazing creative activities all planned around books. Well done for all of your hard work. I hope that you all enjoyed watching the bedtime stories read by the teachers and guessed the Masked Readers correctly. We had so much fun doing that! A few weeks ago, Mr Hayne organised a story writing competition and today we can announce that the two winners are: Estera in Beech class and Peter in Cedar class. Mr Hayne will give you your prize next week. Well done to all of you that entered - you're all stars!

#### THOUGHTS FROM THE WEEK

Don't tell me I'm behind.
Don't tell me I'll be held back for ever.
Don't tell me I need longer at school.
Don't tell me I'm lost.

Tell me I can do it.
Tell me you'll help me.
Tell me you believe in me.
Tell me we'll do it together.

Yours sincerely,

The children.

I thought I would share this poem that has been circulated recently. The message really resonates with us; we don't feel that the children are 'behind' and need to 'catch up' as the media and Government will have you believe. Telling

children constantly that 'they are behind' doesn't support healthy well-being. Our role is to reconnect the children with their learning, make them feel good about themselves and to identify where we can take them next. Please don't worry about your child; we will work hard to rebuild their confidence. Just support us, and them, by telling them 'you can do it' and that 'we will all help you'.

#### CREATIVE ARTS DAY

Last week, we celebrated Creative Arts day. The children had so much fun and their responses were fantastic. Here is Grace working at home on one of the rugby themed activities and Teddie doing the Hakka. Well done!

Family colouring by numbers Grace rugby mascot in the making (its a horse)





# VOLUNTARY COVID TESTING FOR FAMILIES THESE ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM BARTONS

NHS Test and Trace announced this week, that all adults in households with school age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are easy and completely free. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Secondary school students will continue to access testing through their school. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly. These are: through your employer, by collecting a home kit from a local test site or by ordering a home kit online. If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

#### DATES COMING UP

Comic Relief Day: Friday 19th March. Details to follow.

Stay safe and well and see you Monday!

Best wishes Kate Powell

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