



BARTONS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. We have lots of activities planned for this term and it is always very busy with lots to fit in. A list of dates for the term will be sent next week but please note that there are INSET days on Monday 6th June and Friday 8th July.

Staffing News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Duggan is expecting a baby in the Autumn. We offer congratulations to her and her husband.

We welcome Miss Farndell as a Teaching Assistant in Elm Class and we have appointed Mrs Ray as a new Middy Meals Supervisor.

Many of you may have noticed that Mrs Baker has not been in the office for a few weeks. She is on long-term sick leave and we wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime please be aware that Mrs Toone or Mrs Marsh (Tuesdays) are in the office on their own so please be patient and they will deal with your queries as speedily as they can.

Pirate Ship

You will have noticed the appearance of the pirate ship in the grounds. The children have been very excited by this new piece of equipment and many of them have had fun exploring it this week. Please note that this is for children at Bartons to use during school time. It **MUST NOT** be used by pupils or their brothers or sisters before or after school. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Attendance and Fixed Penalty Notices

We continue to try and improve our attendance rate and we are pleased that so many pupils have very regular attendance. We awarded stickers to 53 pupils who had 100% attendance for the Spring Term which was brilliant. Currently the whole school attendance rate is just above 95% but we still aim to improve this further.

Please remember that unauthorised absences can occur through parents taking pupils out of school during term-time, through lateness after the register has closed or through absences that are unexplained or when unacceptable reasons are given for the absence. Please remember that Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) may be issued for persistent absence as well as for taking pupils out of school for a term-time holiday. Several FPN's have been issued this academic year for unauthorised holidays.

Please be aware of this and ensure that you inform other members of your family. If you decide to take your child out of school you need to write a letter detailing all of the circumstances and your reasons for requesting a term-time absence. This needs to be done well before any arrangements are made. I will then respond in writing or, if necessary, arrange a meeting for further discussion.



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Getting pupils to school on time and ready for learning every day makes a great difference to their progress. Please support us by ensuring that your child has regular and prompt attendance so that they can make the most of every day in school.

PE Kit

Please remember to send your child in with their PE kit and at this time of year they need to have plimsolls or trainers as they start to go outside for some lessons. In addition please remember that T-shirts can be of any colour but need to be plain (without patterns, pictures, writing etc on them) and shorts need to be made of cotton or polyester - shorts made of jeans fabric, for instance, are not suitable.

Collection for the Ronald MacDonald House

The finishing date for the collection of household items has been extended to this Friday 15th April. Please send in any contributions by Friday so that we can then arrange their delivery to Southampton. Many thanks for the generous contributions sent so far.

Please send in any remaining money from the Sponsored Walk so that we can have a final total and make arrangements to send it to the neurological ward at Southampton Hospital.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please be aware that the Sainsbury's voucher scheme is in process. Please collect any vouchers when you shop and send them into school. Many thanks.

If you have any concerns or worries regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher in the first instance or myself or Mrs Gordon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. M. Daley
Headteacher