

Bartons Primary School Newsletter 25 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018



A very warm welcome back to school following the Easter break. I hope that you all had a

good holiday and that you had some time to rest and have fun with the family. The children all looked smart and ready to go on Monday which was great to see. They were also keen to share their holiday news and tell us what they had been up to. It has been wonderful to finally feel the warm sunshine and see blue skies this week; it has certainly put all of Team Bartons in a summery mood. I hope that this will continue all summer long and for once we can enjoy the summer months.

Please be prepared to send the children in with a named sun hat and a water bottle for warmer days. Also, if you could apply sun cream before school and send the children in with a named bottle of sun screen, that they can apply themselves, then that would be helpful. Long lasting or one application sun screams are good. Please note that school staff are not allowed to put sun cream on the children and so they must do it independently themselves.

### Music For All Donation

Yesterday, we held a special assembly and were presented with a brand new baby grand piano. This bespoke piano is one of only two in the world and was commissioned by Disney with a Frozen theme. It actually holds a world record with the most children singing 'Let It Go' at one time around it. It was presented by Paul from the charity Music For All; this is a very special gift which we are very fortunate to have. We will post a picture of the piano on the website so that you can see this amazing instrument. We hope that it will inspire more children to love and take up music lessons.

## Chestnut Class Music Presentation

We would like to invite Chestnut class parents to join us for a recorder music and singing presentation on Thursday 26th April starting at 9.15am. It will be led by Judith Finley from the West Sussex Music Service and Mrs Morris. We do hope that you will be able to join us to see how much progress the children have made this year.

#### Uniform

Please can I remind parents to ensure that all school uniform is named clearly. At the end of last term, there was quite a lot of lost property and without names, we cannot return those items back to their rightful owner. It is very frustrating for the child and teacher when things go missing so please, please make sure all items including water bottles and hats, have their name on. Thank you.

### Karate Club

Information for those parents whose children attend the Thursday Karate after school club: I wanted to let you know that Matt who leads the club will be having an operation next week and so will not be with us for a number of weeks. The club will continue to run with Ben leading and Toby supporting. Matt will return after half term and we wish him a speedy recovery.

## Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all of you who bought Easter Egg raffle tickets last term. It was another popular event and the children were gripped with excitement when I came to draw the tickets in assembly. Congratulations to Ruby in Beech class who won the main Easter Egg hamper, to Katie in Lime class who won second prize and Kyle in Willow class who won the third prize. The raffle raised £180 so thank you very much for taking part. This total will go towards our new outside area which we hope to construct over the summer holidays.

# **INSET Day Dates**

In case you missed them, here are the dates for the INSET days for the next academic year 2018/2019. As you know these are dates set aside for staff training and the five allocated dates are a requirement for all schools set by the Department for Education. The dates where school will be closed for pupils are:

Monday 3rd September 2018 Tuesday 4th September 2018 Monday 25th February 2019 Monday 22nd July 2019 Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

Kind Regards Kate Powell

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A Powell Chair of Governors: Mrs C. Neaves