

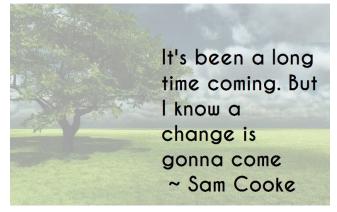
On Monday, it was fantastic to see all of the children finally and welcome everyone back to Team

Bartons. I was amazed to see how much the children had grown but was thrilled to see every single smiling face. I know a lot of parents were relieved to be back and I enjoyed chatting with many of you. As previously said, in fully re-opening the school following lockdown, we still remain vigilant to keeping the school community safe. Thank you for your co-operation in following the COVID rules and please be reassured that all of the cleaning, hygiene, ventilation and logistical procedures are still all in place. Since January, ALL school staff have been tested twice a week and we will continue to do so. This is peace of mind for us but also for you. In the last year, Bartons has faired very well in the current climate and we hope that as the year unfolds, things stay just as positive for all of us.

NATIONAL CENSUS DAY 2021

The census is a national survey that happens every 10 years and gives a picture of all the people and households living in England and Wales. The next census takes place on Sunday 21st March 2021. The answers to the census questions help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services, including transport, education and healthcare. Because it happens every 10 years, we feel that it is a great learning resource for the children and we plan to do some lessons about it so that the children can really understand its value and its importance in history.

THOUGHTS FROM THE WEEK



RED NOSE DAY

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Comic Relief day is coming up on Friday NOSE 19th March. This year, we would like the children to support the charity by coming to school dressed as either a

super hero or in comedy 'crazy' dress. Anything goes and for the privilege of doing this, a donation of £1 would be appreciated. During the day, there will be some fun activities for the children to take part in. We hope that you'll support this charity day with us.

VOLUNTARY COVID TESTING FOR FAMILIES

THESE ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM BARTONS

NHS Test and Trace announced 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. 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 please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

USEFUL DIARY DATES

23rd: National Reflection Day - hope for the future 1st April: Last day of term

5th - 18th April: Easter Break. School is closed. 19th April: Back to school - Summer Term starts

Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell