

Team Bartons



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This week has been a busy week. Mrs A. Powell and I have been in English lessons observing how our new approach to writing has been going. It has been amazing to see such enthusiastic children working hard in classes and their positive learning attitudes. Well done everyone; I really enjoyed seeing the different topics being taught and hearing the brilliant discussions between children.

On Monday, Year 4 were visited by Paul Ullson and explored everything to do with 'teeth' as part of Science Week. Mrs Calton said the children had a great day and learnt so much. Well done Ash class.

The Parent Maths Workshop



Thank you to all of the parents who came along to the Maths Workshop on Wednesday; it was great to have over 40 parents joining us to hear about Maths teaching and learning at Bartons. I hope that you found it useful and it gave you a clearer picture about how we use Numicon, what the curriculum expectations are for all of the year groups and what you can do at home to help your child/ren. Thank you for your excellent feedback and for those of you who couldn't make it, we will put the slides on the school website for all parents to view. Thank you to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Olliver and Miss Grimsey who took us through the workshop and explained our approach.

The Parent English Workshop



The English workshop is on the 30th January at 2pm. Please do come along; the English team teachers will talk about developments in Phonics and how you can support your child at home.

The Southdown Concert Band

At the end of the autumn term, our choir supported The Southdown Concert Band at their Christmas concert. It was a truly magical afternoon and the proceeds of the ticket sales raised £200 for the school. This will go towards our library fund.

Team GB Athlete and Sponsorship

On the 27th January, Bartons will be visited by Luke Lennon-Ford a Team GB sprinter. He will give an inspirational talk about his career and how to be successful in achieving your hopes and dreams. As part of the day, the children will take part in some physical activities with him. Before Christmas, we sent home sponsor forms for the children to gain sponsorship to support raising funds for Team GB athletes and for the school. Please could all sponsor forms and the money collected be brought into school by **Monday 20th January**. We look forward to meeting Luke.

Aspire Parent Learning Course

Aspire run adult education courses for parents and we have arranged for them to deliver a 5 week course entitled Managing Your Child's Behaviour. This is a free course that will take place in the Willow room in school on Thursday afternoons. Please look out for the flier which will have further information and there is a slip to complete and return to the school office by 6th February.

Book Week 2nd - 6th March

Our annual Book Week starts on the week beginning the 2nd March. The whole week is dedicated to literature and the children have the opportunity to learn about an author and explore their work. This enables the children to immerse themselves in the particular style and themes of an author. This week really helps to develop the children's love of reading and books. Thursday the 5th is World Book Day and the children can come to school dressed as a book character from their classes elected author. This years themes will be:

Elm Class: Traditional Fairy Tale characters

Beech Class: Julia Donaldson

Chestnut Class: Oliver Jeffers

Hazel Class: Roald Dahl

Ash Class : David Walliams

Lime Class: Cressida Cowell

Oak & Cedar Class: Louis Sachar

These are well known authors appropriate for the age groups so if you are not sure who they are or if you are stuck for ideas then please speak to your child's class teacher who can help. We hope that you will take part and we must stress that **WE DO NOT EXPECT PARENTS TO BUY NEW COSTUMES OR TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT THEY WILL DO**. This is a fun day and homemade costumes are best; we always look forward to seeing the children dressed up. Naturally, if your child has an alternative book character that they favour then they can come as that. Thank you. *Happy weekend! Kate Powell*