

TEAM BARTONS



NEWSLETTER 6 15TH OCTOBER 2021

It has been good to be back in school this week following a period of compassionate leave. Sadly, I lost my Dad two weeks ago after a long fight against cancer. Heart felt thanks to all of my wonderful staff and Governors, and to the parents who have been so kind to me at such a painful time. I know many of you have been touched by cancer in your own families and you will know that it is truly the most cruellest thing that families have to face.

PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS

This term we are happy to return to face-to-face parent consultation sessions. The dates are on the school website and calendar dates sent out last month. This year, all bookings need to be made on ParentMail and booking will be enabled on **Monday 18th October at 9am**. On the evenings, in order to limit the amount of people in the building, we would like parents to enter the school site through the main gate (by Elm class) and wait outside your child's classroom door outside. The teacher will invite you into the classroom when they are ready and parents will need to exit via the same classroom door and leave the site through the exit gate by the playground. We hope to see you all there.

EARLY MORNING CLUB CHANGES

After half-term, we will be moving towards online booking and payment facility for early Morning Club using ParentMail. This is at the request of parents and will streamline the system for school staff. As you know, we offer Early Morning Club to working parents with a cost of £1 per session. Paying online will make it easier and ensure that we have registers for the children each morning. Next week we will let you know how it works and how to book.

STARTING PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL 2022



The windows for applying for school places in 2022 are now open. If your child is starting primary school or secondary school next September then you will need to apply to West Sussex County Council for a school place. Here are the key dates for applications. Applications for secondary places close on Sunday 31st October 2021. Applications for primary places close on Saturday 15th January 2022. The National notification offer days are 1st March for secondary places and 16th April for Reception.

FRIENDS OF BARTONS

The FOBs are also organising a Halloween Fancy Dress Disco on Wednesday 20th October.

Years R - 2 are invited to attend from 4 - 5pm and Years 3 - 6 from 5.15 - 6.15pm. Tickets will be £3 and can be purchased via ParentMail prior to the event. Please remember that Years 5 and 6 pupils will not be permitted to travel home alone after the event and so will need to be collected from school. Please note that this event could be cancelled at short notice if we have any Covid-19 concerns.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Thank you for all of your generous donations towards our harvest celebration assembly. We had an impressive array of items that will be gratefully received by the Bognor Food bank. Thank you so much.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

I would like to say a huge thank you to the FoBs ladies who ran the Macmillan coffee afternoon on Wednesday. Not only did they bake all of the cakes but they raised a magnificent £202. Special thanks to Kelly, Lyndsey, Terri, Megan, Katie and Charlie for their amazing efforts for such a great charity. ❤️

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Please can I remind all parents that there is a one-way system on site. At drop off/pick up times, you must enter through the gate next to Elm class and exit by the gate by the playground only. Lately, many parents have not followed this. You must support our risk assessment so that all risks to the community are limited. Please support us on this. It is important.

Have a good weekend! Best wishes, Kate Powell