





# **Bartons Primary School** COVID-19 Newsletter 15 6th July 2020

I hope that you are all safe and well and were able to enjoy the weekend especially as now some of the world is beginning to 'open up' again. This is all in time for the summer break. Please remember that this term will finish on Friday 17th July.

#### Schools Update

Last week schools were notified by the DfE the Governments ambition for schools to reopen for all pupils in September. This is very much what we had wanted and so the autumn term will start on Monday 7th September for Bartons. The full arrangements and logistics for a full return for all pupils still needs careful consideration and there will be strict guidelines that we need to follow in light of the risks still associated with Covid-19. We are currently working hard to assimilate all of these aspects in readiness to let parents and carers know what you can expect in September. What we do know is that the Government will expect all pupils to return and attendance will be strictly monitored by the local authority. We have been advised that if pupils don't return to school then the local authority will issue parents with fines. Having reviewed the success of the risk assessments put in place when Years R, 1 and 6 returned in June, we have confidence that we will be able to open safely. There will be some adaptations made to the running of the day and we may need to consider adjusting start and finish times. At the earliest opportunity, we will let you know what these are and the implications.

#### **ParentMail**



Thank you to all of you that have now registered for ParentMail, our new communication system. We are still waiting for about 30

families still to register. Please could you do this <u>as soon as possible</u> because we want to switch over to this new system. It only takes a few minutes to complete. This includes some Year 6 families who need to register so that we will be able to send you details of any 'leavers' activities during the summer holidays. ParentMail also has a downloadable App that will send you alerts and messages. At the moment only 48% of families have downloaded this. I strongly recommend that all families download this App so that you receive up to date and instant messages. If you have a any questions about ParentMail then please call the school office and Mrs Toone will be happy to help you. Thank you.

#### Class Photographs



SAY CHEESE! We are expecting to hear from Yellow, the school photographers, imminently with regard to the online link and password for ordering a class photo. Please keep an eye

for that information before the end of the week.

## End of Year School Reports

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the annual school report will be sent home. If your child is currently attending school, then you'll receive a paper copy from Friday onwards. For all other children, the reports will be emailed home to the email address we hold for you.

### Water Bottles

In the past, Bartons has always had school water bottles with our school logo on for sale in the school office. We currently have a small stock left. We have decided not to stock these anymore and so if you would like to buy one, they cost a £1 and first come first serve.

Have a great week. Stay safe and well. Kind regards Kate Powell.