

Team Bartons



Bartons Primary School COVID-19 Newsletter 2 7th April 2020



Well, another week in lockdown has passed and I hope that everyone has stayed well and the children have continued to enjoy working at home. That goes for parents too! I'm sure that after two weeks, the children are still finding it a bit strange not being at school but I'm hopeful that you have been able to establish a routine of sorts. Well done to everyone who has been able to complete work set by their class teacher. The teachers continue to upload fun activities that everyone will enjoy working through. With this week being the 'normal' school holidays, the teachers won't be setting daily work in the same way but I'm sure that they will have given you lots of activities to continue with which will keep the children busy. As I said last week, the teachers have been very impressed in the quality and commitment of the majority of the children. Keep going and keep in touch as communication has never been so important. In this new way of working and living, staying in touch ensures that we can keep the Team Bartons community together and let each other know that we are all here for one another. Yesterday was my sons birthday and it wasn't quite the birthday we had planned but he was thrilled with his present of a new phone. Little did I know, at the time I bought it for him, that we would be in this situation and that he would truly embrace the meaning of 'staying in touch'. Since working out how to use it, he has been able to text, call and FaceTime all of his friends and family (non-stop) who he is missing so much. Being an only child isn't much fun when you're stuck with your parents but if you can talk and see your friends virtually then it can't be too bad.

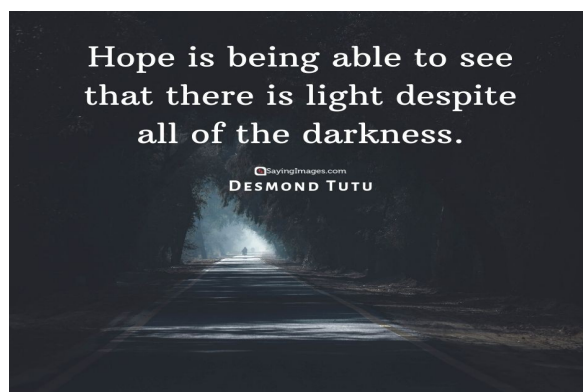
Week Beginning Monday 6th April

This week, school is closed completely. Please remember that you can email us if you need any help or advice or leave a message on the office answer phone. Although the office isn't manned everyday, someone will come back to you when they can. Please bear in mind though that the office is closed for the Easter break. We are also monitoring our emails so, again, someone will come back to you when they can.

Free School Meals

The government announced last week that shopping vouchers for registered free school meals families would be available in this period of lockdown. Please note that this is not for the children in Years R, 1 and 2 scheme in receipt of the universal free school meal. We are directed by the local authority and they have instructed us to register families with Edenred who will distribute the vouchers via email from the 20th April. This hasn't been a straight forward task because the Edenred website was overwhelmed by every school accessing the national scheme but we are working hard to ensure that this is in place as soon as possible.

So for now keep going, take care, stay safe and well all of you. Have a good week and let's all believe in this quote from Desmond Tutu.



With very best wishes Kate Powell