



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

We would like to give you all a warm welcome to Bartons Primary School. We have really enjoyed getting to know all the children, and we are very excited for the year ahead!

Meet our **TEAM**

We are very lucky to have two teaching assistants in Elm Class this year. Mrs Spencer will be supporting in class full time, and Mrs Pett will be in class Mondays to Thursdays.

We have also welcomed Mrs Wayne who is volunteering with us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in class and she is also our class Midday Supervisor.

Topic



This term our topic is split into two parts. The first half of our term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will have the opportunity to get to know each other and share what we like with our friends. **We would love to start sharing the children's 'All About Me' treasure boxes over this term, please bring these in from Monday 21st September.** During the term we will be focusing on discussing what makes us unique, identifying different parts of the body and exploring our senses. This will be achieved through lots of self-initiated play and adult focused activities. After half-term our topic will be 'Reach for the Stars'. We will be learning about Space by exploring fiction and non-fiction books.



We have started to introduce phonics, through listening to sounds and rhythms. We will soon be teaching the children the pure sounds for each letter. This can be supported at home through talk and play as well as working together to complete the simple activities we will be sending home later in the term.

In maths, we have been using songs and games to support our counting. We have started to introduce Numicon which is our Maths approach at Bartons Primary. Please encourage children to practise their counting around the home and when out and about. It would be great to see children recognising numbers when they are out e.g. door numbers, bus numbers etc.





PE Information

Our PE day will be **Monday**. Our PE sessions will begin from **Monday 21st September**. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately in PE kit on this day. This includes wearing their house colour t-shirt, appropriate shorts/tracksuit, dependent on the weather and plimsolls or trainers. We will be doing PE outside as much as possible.

Please ensure that earrings are removed on Mondays. Long hair should be tied back securely every day. **Please ensure all uniform, PE kit, book bags, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly name labelled.**

Fruit and Milk

We provide a piece of fruit for the children to have during the school day. We encourage children to eat this fruit rather than any fruit provided in their lunch box, and to save any fruit snacks in their lunchbox for lunchtime. During fruit time children can also have milk provided for them from the 'Cool Milk' company. You need to register for your child to be provided with this milk. It is free up until their 5th birthday and after their 5th birthday you can re-register at a slight charge. Please note that if you register before 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will start receiving milk from the following week.

Please register at: www.coolmilk.com/register

Also please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day (please no squash in their class water bottles).

How can you help?

- **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, ask and answer questions about what you have read
- Encourage children to **independently dress** and undress themselves including buttons on school cardigans and coat zips
- Please ensure all items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles are **clearly labelled**

Important dates:

14th October - Flu Vaccination Form (please make sure these are all returned to school!)

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us or email the office at office@bartonsprimary.school and these can be forwarded on.

We are looking forward to a really fantastic year.

Many Thanks,
Miss Yardley, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Pett