



BARTON PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th February 2021

## Home Learning

Thank you very much to **all parents**. We have seen work from every single one of the children in our school, which is fantastic and we have been so pleased with all the work you have been posting. If the plan to return on 8 March goes ahead, we have another 3 weeks of online learning to go. We want to know your opinion of what we're doing. [Please take a minute to fill in this form](#); it will help us know if there is more we can do to help and what works best for our families. Let's all hope we do not have another lockdown, but if we did, we would want to be able to provide the best solution for you all from the outset.

## Welcome to Ms Rayner!



Welcome to Ms Rayner our new Office Manager. She's really enjoying meeting the children who are in, and looking forward to meeting everyone else soon. She's in every day so get in touch if you need any help with anything.

## Mrs Dawson's son is fundraising

Many of you will know that Mrs Dawson's son is in reception, just like many of your children. He has begun a fundraising challenge to support Oxford's Hospital Charity as they are helping his big sister whilst she is unwell. He will be attempting to run 2km a day for the next 21 days, so 42km or 26.2 miles in total. His marathon will begin on 22nd January and finish on 11th February - the final day of his big sister's 12 months of chemotherapy. If you wish to donate to his appeal, [this is the link](#).

## Mental Health Week

You may have read that it has been national mental health week this week. [This short video for parents from the BBC](#) is a quick guide to how parents can support their child's mental health during lockdown and an age of social distancing. The video is aimed at parents with children of a variety of different ages.

## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet day. Your child's teacher will be sharing age appropriate resources with you to help you explain to them ways that they can keep safe whilst online. A few weeks ago we shared the [ThinkUKnow resources](#). Another really useful website is Childnet International. [This is the page for parents and carers](#).

Another website that might be useful is [Common Sense Media](#). This parent-run website gives age ratings and reviews for books, TV, films and games, to help you judge what is and is not appropriate for your child.



**FREE CHILDREN'S STORY TIME AND STORY-MAKING WORKSHOP**

LIVE ON FACEBOOK  
TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2.00-2.40 PM

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/464553741234359/](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/464553741234359/)

Join children's author and illustrator, Sarah Mahfoudh, for a FREE story time and story-making workshop.

Perfect for children aged 4-10 years.

**Can-do Kids**  
[www.can-do-kids.co.uk](http://www.can-do-kids.co.uk)

**YOU WILL NEED:**  
Pens and/or pencils  
Some paper  
Your imagination

We have been made aware of this story making workshop happening next Tuesday afternoon. It may be of interest. We are not endorsing it, as we do not know the company. Please let us know what you think if you attend it, so we can make an informed recommendation in the future.

[Read more here.](#)