



BARTON PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Together, we grow*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 23 April 2021

## Values

It really matters to us what you and your family think about our proposed values. Please spend a few minutes voting on the values you think we should have at Barton Park Primary. We sent this vote out before Easter but sadly only got one response - please make your voice heard! You can involve your child, or pick the values that mean most to you as parents. Click here to see the [PowerPoint](#) and then use [this Google Form](#) to vote. Thank you for your support.



## Unsung Heros

Oxford city council wants to highlight some of the amazing individuals who have helped keep the spirit of Oxford alive since the start of the pandemic. They particularly want to recognise the role ordinary people have played in keeping their friends, families, neighbours and the community safe, healthy and sustainable during these challenging times. These unsung heros actions might not always be huge but always make a difference.



Please let us know if you would like to nominate someone, adult or child, who has contributed something amazing by helping you or others during the pandemic.

For example:

- People who have been furloughed but have volunteered to distribute food.
- Those working from home who still find that extra bit of time to talk to explain Zoom and Facetime to the uninitiated so they can talk to friends and family.
- The parent who has helped other parents with remote learning.
- The child who has helped a vulnerable parent

That sort of thing. Or just 'anything'. With a human story and a whole lot of care and dedication behind it.

## Volunteer Readers

We have loved welcoming your child(ren) back into school this week and are keen to get back to normal as quickly as we can. To support your child(ren) in the development of their reading skills, we have arranged for them to read with a parent reading volunteer once a week. Our wonderful volunteers have agreed to comply with Government Covid-19 measures which include:

- Wearing a mask while in school
- Sitting side-by-side your child(ren) when they read
- Completing a lateral flow test twice weekly
- Reading in a well ventilated area supervised by a member of Barton Park staff
- Completing DBS checks and safeguarding training.

We are delighted to be able to offer all of our children the opportunity to spend additional time developing reading skills with a reading role-model from our community. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Miss Freedman by emailing the office - [office@bartonpark.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@bartonpark.oxon.sch.uk)

## Parent Forum Meeting - 2pm on 17 May

All are welcome to this meeting for parents to give their views and ideas on items such as a PTA, charity events, cake for birthdays etc.

### Reading Folders

Please bring reading folders to school each day with reading records and books so that staff here can read with your child.

## Key dates:

- 27 April & 28 April: Parents' Evenings
- 3 May: Bank Holiday - school closed
- 17 May: 14:00 Parent Forum Meeting
- 17 May: 15:05 Early Years Playground Opening Event
- 19 May: Class photos
- 20 May: 12:30-14:30 Parent online workshop - Reading Games
- 28 May: Last day of term - school finishes at the usual time.
- 31 May - 4 June: Half term holiday
- 7 June: INSET day (no school for children on this date)
- 8 June: Children return to school