



BARTON PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Together, we grow*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd October 2021

## Happy Half Term!

May I wish you all a very happy half term holiday. It has been a long term and I'm sure that your children are ready for a rest - they have worked hard! It has been great to see how well our new Acorns have settled in and a delight to see our older children buddy up with them at playtimes and during our Friends Together Friday activities.

I hope that those of you who are planning a break away from Oxford manage to make that happen, and that all our families stay safe.



## Exciting Activities Next Term

The Christmas half term is always jam packed with events and activities. This year is no exception. See the key dates below for details, but things to look forward to include:

- An art workshop on 4 November. Children will make poppies that will be displayed by the lake on the estate ready for remembrance day.
- Poppies will be on sale in our playground at the beginning and end of the day. Year 3 will be leading the sale of these items.
- Road Safety Day: Tee/Tea day.
  - We will be teaching children how to stay safe around our school and inviting them to wear their brightest Tee shirt for the day. Parents are invited to have Tea together at 2:30pm and our parent community will be launching their idea for a 'Walking Bus'
- A Christmas Show at Pegasus Theatre.
  - This trip will not cost us any money, as we have been given free tickets by the theatre and Hill developers will be paying for our coach.
- Christmas Jumper Day (dig out those jumpers - if they are too small, we are going to hold a swap event so hopefully you can find a new one for this year without having to spend any money!)
- Christmas singing for the whole school - all parents are invited!



## Hardship Fund

We are pleased to announce that we have set up a small hardship fund to help families who need it. If you wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to send your child to an afterschool club or on a school trip please apply to the fund by filling in a Hardship Fund Application form. You can find this here on our [website](#) or copies are available from the reception counter at the entrance to the school.

## Breakfast Club

We do really want to continue offering breakfast club, but the school is losing money by providing this service at present, given the small number of children who attend. We still hope to be able to work alongside nursery when they open, allowing us to continue this provision in a cost effective way. If we are not able to do this, we will be stopping this provision after Christmas, for the remainder of the school year.

## Barton Community Activities (see email attachment for full size posters)

### Halloween Disco



Acting together to improve Barton  
**BARTON**  
Community Partnership  
Barton Community Partnership presents

# Children and Families Halloween Disco!

Friday 29 October 2021, 5.30pm – 8.30pm  
Barton Neighbourhood Centre  
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

**Activities**

- Fancy dress competition – come dressed up to take part!
- Face painting
- Pumpkin carving competition – bring a pre carved pumpkin to take part. (Free pumpkins will be available from Barton Neighbourhood Centre/ Barton Park Rose Bay Gardens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 12pm onwards)
- Scary games
- Scary food
- Music and dancing

For more information, email: [bartoncommunitypartnership@outlook.com](mailto:bartoncommunitypartnership@outlook.com)

### Health Walk



**GO Active**

**BARTON HEALTH WALK**

Would you like to:

1. Start some gentle exercise?
2. Explore Oxford's green spaces?
3. Meet new people?

*Then why not join our Barton Health Walk?*

Walking/mobility frames welcome!

**Day: Thursday**

**Time: 2-3pm**

**Where: Meet at Barton Neighbourhood Centre**

Walks led by trained volunteers, are FREE to attend with no need to book. Walks are between 1-3 miles (30-60 minutes) and taken at a pace suitable to all. No special walking gear needed just wear clothes and shoes comfortable for walking.

The walk will leave promptly at the time above, so please arrive 5-10 minutes early to meet the group and complete the register.

Please note you take part at your own risk and should seek medical advice if appropriate.

For more information contact Emma Collins:  
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## Key dates:

2 Nov	Open Morning for prospective reception children (intake Sept 22) 9:15am	30 Nov:	Big Christmas Sing (Y3/choir)
4 Nov	Poppy Art Workshop for remembrance day.	1 Dec:	Christmas Jumper Swap event in playground
10 Nov:	Individual photos	1 Dec:	Choir singing at St Mary's Church light switch on
16 Nov	Jigsaw parents group: SEND support group at 10:15	8 Dec:	Christmas Show at Pegasus Theatre
17 Nov	Road Safety Day: Tee/Tea Day	10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
22 Nov:	Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils	15 Dec:	Whole School Christmas Singing: parents invited. 2pm
		17 Dec:	Last day of term - school closes at 1:10pm