



Barton

Junior School

11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all stayed safe and warm during the cold snap we have had this week and are looking forward to a relaxing half term week if possible.

Following your feedback from the Remote Education Questionnaire, we are going to make a change after half term, to include live daily sessions where the teachers will go through the work they have set, outline expectations and take a register. This will be an opportunity for the children to ask any questions and to see what they have to do for each lesson. It will also give extra time for interaction with their teachers and classmates. Obviously, we know that you are all juggling home learning with the rest of life, and this may not be possible every day for you, however we would like to see as many children logged on as possible each day. The times of the sessions will be

Year 4 – 9:00 am

Year 6 – 09:15 am

Year 5 – 09:30 am

Year 3 – 09:45 am

The links to the sessions will be posted on dojo on the day, and these may be whole year group sessions on occasions.

Please can the children attend in clothes, rather than pyjamas and follow the same guidelines they would in a normal lesson.

If you have any difficulty with devices or you do not have enough data, please contact us on barton@barton.dfamat.com as we have some dongles which provide free data, and we may be able to help with devices.

If you need any other equipment at home, please contact us and we will arrange a collection time for you from school.

Half Term

As none of us are able to go on holiday or meet up with friends at the moment, there are several websites offering tips on how to keep the children entertained during the week. Please see the links below to ideas for half term

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/team-blog/2020/04/free-or-cheap-ways-to-entertain-kids-indoors/>

I hope you all manage to have a break next week and that the children can enjoy themselves in different ways.

Hopefully we will have an announcement on the 22nd February, offering us hope of when the children can all come back to school.

Please remember that we are there for you and if you are in need of any assistance, please don't hesitate to email us on barton@barton.dfamat.com Please do not contact the teachers via Dojo over the half term week as I have asked that they switch off too.

Yours Sincerely

Melanie O'Dell

Headteacher