



St Bartholomew's C.E. Primary School

"Follow Jesus in all we do"

"So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

AUGUST 2023

We hope you are all having a lovely summer break. We are very excited for the new Autumn Term! We return on **Monday 4th September**, when we will send a full list of dates for your diary so you have all the events and times. We will meet you at the school gates on **Monday 4th at 8:40am** ☺

UNIFORM

Attached is a list of our school uniform. We do have items of uniform available via the SHOP on School Money; these can be collected from school on Friday 1st September. Could you please ensure your child is wearing black, sensible shoes for school and avoid buying branded clothing/footwear. As previously mentioned, we do not have a lot of space in the cloakrooms so please do not send backpacks into school. Could we please remind you to pop your child's name in any items of clothing, footwear, lunch bags and water bottles to avoid lost property – Thank you.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY – YEAR 3

A letter will go home when we return to school for your child to visit Accrington Stanley Football Club on **Wednesday 27th September**. This will be during the school day and will not affect the start or the end of the day. More information will go home in September.

WATER BOTTLES

We can provide a water bottle for your child to have in class but if your child prefers to bring in their own, please ensure their name is clearly visible as we tend to have lots of the same bottles in each class. Children are encouraged to keep hydrated during the school day and all children have access to fresh drinking water in every classroom.

SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, lunches are currently classed as Universal Free Meals (this is different to Free School Meals). If your child is going into Year 3 this time, a link will be sent to you when we return to school to enable you to make payments each week. Menus are emailed out every Friday for the following week, this allows you to go through the choices with your child. Lunch orders are taken each morning in class with the register; you do not need to let us know in advance.

IF YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES, CONCERNS OR JUST GENERAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR EMAIL m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk

EXCITING VISITOR

We are very excited for the children to meet our visitor this half term! We will send more details out closer to the time!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please email m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk and send an electronic form will be sent out for you to apply direct.

MEET THE TEACHER

We have arranged for you to meet your child's teacher on **Tuesday 12th September**. This gives your child a week or so to get settled in their new class and tell you all about it. It will also give you the opportunity to come into school and see your child's classroom at the start of the term.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – 29th SEPTEMBER

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning for parents on **Friday 29th September at 9:30am**. There will be Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Biscuits for you to enjoy! It will be a great opportunity to raise money for a fabulous charity, whilst having a brew and a chat with other parents. We will send a text reminder closer to the time but we look forward to seeing everyone 9:30-10:15am.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

At St Bart's we feel it is so important to involve families in our childrens' school life. As it is Grandparents Day on Sunday 1st October, we would like to invite all Grandparents into school for Afternoon Tea on **Friday 29th September at 2:45pm**. If you are unable to make it to the Macmillan Coffee morning, this is a great opportunity for you to come in later for a brew and a cake, especially if you are picking you grandchild up from school 😊

PHONICS AND EARLY READING

Parents are invited into school on **Tuesday 19th September** at 6pm. More information will go home when we return to school.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Our Year 4 children will start swimming lessons on **Wednesday 10th January**. Reminders will be sent out closer to the time. All children will need a swimming cap as per the pools policy.

APPLYING FOR SCHOOLS

If you are applying for schools for next year, the dates are below for your reference.

The deadline to apply for **secondary schools** is **31st October 2023**. Offer letters will be sent out via Pupil Access on 1st March 2024.

The deadline to apply for **primary schools** is **15th January 2024**. Offer letters will be sent out via Pupil Access on 15th April 2024.

WHERE IN THE WORLD!

As part of our new projects, all classes will be learning about a specific continent. As they progress through school, children will know lots of interesting facts about our world! There will be dressing up days a few times throughout the year as part of the topic but each year group will have a theme and we will always try to keep expense to a minimum. We will keep you updated on what we are doing in each class throughout the year.

DIVERSITY WEEK – 9th OCTOBER

Parents are invited into school on **Friday 13th October**, to see what their child has been learning about. There will be a showcase of their work to view. You will need to collect your child in the normal way and come in through the main entrance. Reminders will be sent out via text message closer to the time.

READING FOR YEAR 2 AND KS2

Parents are welcome to come into school on **Tuesday 26th September at 6pm** for an informal early reading meeting. More information will go home to our parents via email once we are back in school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will send information home about the new clubs in September.

ATTENDANCE

As a school, we strive for 100% attendance and whilst we know it is not always possible due to illness, we will be celebrating class and whole school attendance each week. There will be incentives and rewards for classes with 100% attendance. Where we achieve 100% attendance as a whole school, we will organise a special event to celebrate!

WALKING HOME - YEAR 6

We will send a letter home on the first day for you to sign and return to confirm if you would like your child to walk home from school. This does not apply to after school clubs that finish at 4:30pm.

MUSICAL THEATRE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

An email has been sent out for your child to attend the 6 week after school club, starting Friday 8th September!