

### EYFS

On 'World Kindness day' we headed out to Mill Lodge care home to spread kindness to the residents by singing songs and delivering them a small gift. We loved making them smile! On Tuesday we thought about who are friends are and why, we made a friendship paper chain by drawing our friends, thinking carefully about their particular features. Then at the end of the day we talked about the value of a compliment and gave them to others in the class who we do not normally play with. On Wednesday we made friendship bracelets to show gifts do not have to cost much but mean a lot and then we finished the week discussing what makes a good friend and what does not. In the areas we have enjoyed fishing for friends in the investigation tray and creating the rainbow fish with all of its scales in the funky finger area.

### YEAR 1

We started 'Friendship Week' by celebrating World Kindness Day. We wrote messages to special people in school about their qualities that 'blow us away' and delivered these along with bubbles, to spread kindness. All of the special people who received our messages were certainly blown away with how kind the Y1 children are. We thought of all the lovely words we could use to describe our friends and put those words into beautiful acrostic poems, to tell our friends how wonderful they are.

### YEAR 2

This week we have been thinking about friendships and what qualities make a good friend. We wrote our own recipe cards we could follow with ingredients such as Love, Trust, Honestly, Courage and Smiles. There were many more but it was lovely to see the children appreciate just how many wonderful friends we all have in school.

### YEAR 3

We started 'Friendship Week' by playing kindness bingo. In P.E we played some team building games and had to work as a team to solve some problems. We have also completed some artwork based on friendship. We have really enjoyed celebrating our friends, how important friendships are and discussing all the qualities we see in each other. It has been a very positive and uplifting week

### YEAR 4

This week we have been looking at Friendships. We have discussed lots of ways we can be friends, how to resolve conflict and how to work as a team. Today we overcame some challenges where we had to complete some problem solving activities getting from one side of the hall to the other with hoops (not talking) and moving along a bench to get into alphabetical order. This required perseverance, friendship, teamwork and trust.

### YEAR 5

This week we have been using maths equipment to make squared and cubed numbers; this has really boosted our understanding. It has also been 'Friendship Week' and we have been creating artwork, poems, word searches and making links between friendship and how Jesus made many sacrifices for others.

### YEAR 6

This week was our trip to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester. From the minute we arrived we were amazed by the size of the exhibition and the incredible artefacts inside. We stood in awe at the life size Harrier jump jet and reflected on major historical events such as 9/11 when observing a real window section from the twin towers. We took part in a documentary challenge where we had to choose our favourite exhibit, learn about it and then film a short documentary, which we watched back in class. We would like to say a huge Thank You to Mr Balderson and his team from the Veterans Living History Museum, who came in to do a talk and brought various artefacts dating back to the First World War. It was a great way to complete our topic and the children loved it. We also discussed how important friendships are and touched on how to resolve issues when they arise. We all made friendship bracelets in class too, all the children really enjoyed making these.



# St Bartholomew's C.E. Primary School

***"Follow Jesus in all we do"***

Matthew 25:1-13

Version **The Parable of the Ten Virgins** <sup>1</sup>At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'" <sup>7</sup>"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'" <sup>9</sup>"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'" <sup>10</sup>"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'" <sup>12</sup>"But he replied, Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'" <sup>13</sup>"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Thank you to everyone who came to us for a brew and a biscuit this morning. Our next 'St Bart's' coffee morning will be on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9:30-10:30am**. We think these are a great idea to meet up with a friend or family member and come in out of the cold for a brew, biscuit and a catch up ☺

As always, if you have any worries, concerns or just general questions; please contact the school office or email [m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk) Thank you.

## FRIENDSHIP WEEK

We have had a lovely week in school for Friendship Week! We have been talking about friendship and trust. We have also looked at how we can overcome any problems we may come across with each other and how everyone is special in their own way.

## 'HOW WE TEACH MATHS IN SCHOOL' – Y2 & KS2 PARENTS INVITED

A letter was sent out on this week to invite parents into school on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6pm**. If you would like to attend, please return the slip before Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## 'HOW WE TEACH SCIENCE IN SCHOOL'

Parents are invited into school **on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. A letter will go home before we close for the Christmas break.

## 'HOW WE TEACH READING IN SCHOOL'

Parents are invited into school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This has been re-scheduled. A letter will go home before we close for the Christmas break.

## CHRISTMAS ART DAY – FAMILY FRIDAY

We will be holding a Family Friday Christmas Arts Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm. We will send a letter home with a text message to confirm it has been sent home. You will need to complete and return the slip to attend to ensure we have sufficient seating for everyone attending.

## NATIVITY

We have arranged for our children in Reception to Y2 to perform their Nativity for parents **at Hyndburn Academy on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm**. Tickets will be £2 each and allocated as 3 per family with the opportunity to purchase extra tickets. This allows us to purchase props and main costumes each year. The production is called Angel Express and we are very excited for you to see your child on stage. If you are unable to make these dates, could you please let us know as soon as possible. A letter with a slip will be sent home next week.

### KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Knowledge Organisers will go home on **8<sup>th</sup> January**. This will give you all the information you will need to know for the spring half term. These are sent out at the beginning of every half term to keep you updated about your child's learning.

### YEAR 5

Our Year 5 parents are invited to St Bartholomew's Church on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** for a Christmas Worship. A reminder will go out closer to the time.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Your child's Christmas card proof was sent home this week. Details of how to order are on the back of the card. The deadline to place an order for any of the items is **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

### CRAZY CRACKERS

For before/after school childcare, please email [info@crazy-crackers.co.uk](mailto:info@crazy-crackers.co.uk)

### SANTA DASH

We will be taking part in a whole school Santa Dash on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Children can wear a Christmas jumper and a Santa hat on this day. We will be all set and looking festive for the Christmas Fair at 3:30pm

### SATS INFORMATION EVENING

There will be a SATs information session for parents on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. This will cover Y2 SATs, Y4 Multiplication and Y6 SATs. As always, if there is anything you are concerned about regarding your child's progress, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

### PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening will be held in school on **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February**. A letter will go home as soon as we return to school after the Christmas break. Please complete and return this as soon as you can so we can contact you with appointment times. A text will go home to let you know we have sent the letters. Please contact us before if you need to.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Just a reminder to complete and return your child's Christmas Dinner menus as soon as possible. The **deadline to order is 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Don't miss out!

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have had a great uptake on all the clubs this half term. A letter will go home with a text message reminder at the beginning of December with details of all the clubs starting after the Christmas break.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES

At St Bart's we are passionate about sports and are looking for a local business to support us by sponsoring our football team! If you have a local business, and would be interested in sponsoring us, please email [m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.gaston@st-barts.lancs.sch.uk)

### GREAT HARWOOD BIG LIGHT SWITCH ON

It is the BIG switch on at the town square on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6:30pm. A letter will go home with more details next week.

### YEAR 4

Year 4 Parents are invited into school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December for the Christingle Service**. This was originally going to be in Church but it will now take place in school. A reminder will be sent out via text message closer to the time.

### ROBINWOOD

We are now less than 12 weeks away from our residential trip to Robinwood in February. Please ensure all payments are up to date. Letters will be going home with details of meetings, giving you the opportunity to ask any questions. There will also be details of kit lists and activities sent home closer to the time. We are getting very excited!!

### ATTENDANCE

It was close but Year 2 just pipped the post. Well done **YEAR 2!** St Bart's Bear will join you next week

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph orders from Tempest were sent home with your child this week.

### YEAR 4 TRIP

We will be visiting Liverpool Museum on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. All the children are very excited! A text reminder will be sent out the day before the trip to remind you about lunch arrangements.