

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

20th November 2020

Class Closures

May I assure you we always follow the advice of Leeds Health and Safety Team and Public Health England when we close a bubble. I appreciate the anxiety and difficulties this causes parents but we have to follow the advice given to us. In school, we continue to follow the risk assessment to make sure that school is as safe as it can be during these very difficult times for your children and my staff. Attendance is still statutory for all those children who are well and able to attend and we expect all children to be in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Remote Learning

You should have received an information leaflet about Microsoft Teams last week. After Christmas, it will be one way your child can access work and we will continue to provide work packs for those who still request them. Up to Christmas, some staff may be trialing the system and setting short tasks. From now you can take photos of the work your children do at home and the staff will be able to view it. This work is only available for children if their bubble has closed or they have to isolate due to Covid related reasons. If children are off for any other illnesses, we expect they return to school as soon as they are well as learning in school is the best for children.

Parents Consultation

Thank you to all the parents who requested a telephone consultation. It was a new way of doing this and despite some teething problems it went really well and we have had some very positive feedback from many parents. If you did not receive a call and was expecting one, please let us know. The next consultation day is in March but we will wait to decide how we can organise this.

Class 4 Update

There have been some staffing changes in Class 4. Mrs. Fields and Mrs. McCaffrey are going to be the class teachers for the rest of the year. Mrs. Glover is still in school but will be supporting the children in other ways.

Head lice

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you for the three parents who nominated themselves to be a parent governor. Many parents voted and it was very close result. Congratulations to Mrs. Adewuyi who has become our new governor. We look forward to working with her.

Christmas is Not Cancelled!

We are planning to celebrate this festive season within the restrictions we are currently under.

Father Michael will be holding a virtual Christmas Worship for the children. Bubbles will have parties; they will do craft activities and we have booked a virtual pantomime for every class to enjoy.

We are looking at how children can still share cards and we will be having a children's raffle. More details to follow.



Nursery

We have some places in our fantastic Nursery. If you have any children approaching three or know others who have please contact Mrs. Drake in the school office.

Reception September 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 remember you **must** complete the Leeds application form by Friday 15th January. Having a place in our nursery does not result in an automatic place you still need to apply. If you need support with this, please ask Mrs. Drake or talk to Miss Harvey.

Something New Mrs Wainwright Learned This Week

I had the great pleasure to visit Class 5 to learn the story of the Stickman. They showed me their fantastic story map, it was amazing and Miss Machin and the class should be very proud of themselves. Well done. They have showed the whole school some of it today on our Friday Zoom assembly.

Headteacher's Award

The teachers in school this week have decided these children have worked particularly hard this week and should receive a special mention and certificate, presented on a Friday afternoon in our Zoom assembly. Well done!

Reception : Riley

Year 1 : Phay'zer

Year 2 : Dante

Year 3 : Zaid

Year 4 : Samantha

Year 5 : Gracie-Mae

Year 6 : Brandon



Best Classes in School

The children in these classes have worked very hard this week and had a positive attitude and have achieved the most Trackit points. Well done:

KS1 – Class 6

KS2 – Class 14

Amazing Attendance

This week the attendance award goes to Class 11



Weekly Round Up

Nursery – We have had a wonderful couple of weeks. I must firstly say how proud we all were of the children when we took part in the two minute silence on 11/11/20. We talked about how we were paying our respects to all the soldiers who died in all the wars to keep us safe. We have been being reading the books How To Catch A Star, This Is The Bear And The Scary Night and Home Before Dark. We have made stars using different shiny materials, following writing patterns to draw stars and printing stars. We have made a healthy snack that celebrated Diwali, using cucumber, cheese, butter and crackers to represent diva lamps. Pictures are on the website. Stay safe.

Reception - In Reception this week we have been learning about pets and animals. We have enjoyed reading stories about Elmer the Elephant. In our PHSE lessons we have been talking and learning about elephants, we have enjoyed celebrating our differences and finding out that everyone is special. We have also been thinking about feelings. In maths we have been learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and have been comparing quantities.

Year 1 - This week we have been learning about Stickman. The children have used adjectives to describe his feelings. In Maths we have been using to subtract using the part whole model. In Geography we have been learning about the weather. The children described the weather and made weather symbols.

Year 2-This half term we are learning about the significance of gifts in R.E. This week we have learnt about how the Three Kings took gifts to baby Jesus when they went to visit him. In Computing we are enjoying using the iPads to develop our photography skills and we are beginning to look at the some of the different sentence types in our English work.

Year 3 –Have started reading The Iron Man in English. They have read and discussed all the descriptive phrases that are used in The Iron Man and have used preposition, similes and expanded noun phrases to write their own setting description. Year 3 are also looking at ordering the details from the text and retelling chapter 2 from the Iron Mans point of view. In Maths Year 3 have started multiplication, applying their knowledge of their 2, 5 and 10 timestables from Year 2. We are looking forward to moving onto our 3, 4 and 8 timestables in the coming weeks. In Science we have been focusing on plants, what they need to survive and their life cycles.

Year 4 –This week, Year 4 have been looking at how to predict in our reading lessons. In science lessons, we have been looking at how ice melts and how particles change during this process. We have enjoyed looking at Victorian punishments in our History lessons. In Maths, we have started to look at multiplication. It would be beneficial if children used Times Table Rockstars at home to support their recall of key number facts. Their class teachers have provided login details and there is a parent guide on the school website.

Year 5 –This week we have been carrying on with our scary stories and have written the climax part of our stories. Hopefully, once they are finished, we will share them on the school website so that the children can show you their fantastic work. In History, we have been planning a debate on who the children think was responsible for the sinking of the Titanic, they have come up with some fantastic arguments.

Year 6 – In RE, children have been looking at the importance of keeping promises. Children investigated where promises are made: on bank notes, marriage vows, and New Year’s resolutions. In Design & Technology, children enjoyed making their Christmas themed bookmarks using sewing skills learned in previous lessons. In History, children explored the reasons why Britain won the Battle of Britain.

School Dates:

Friday 18 th December 2020	School Closes for Christmas Break
Monday 4 th January 2021	School Opens
Friday 12 th February 2021	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 22 nd February 2021	School Opens
Thursday 1 st April 2021	School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 19 th April 2021	School Opens
Friday 30 th April 2021	School Closes for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May 2021	School Opens
Friday 28 th May 2021	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 7 th June 2021	School Opens
Tuesday 27 th July 2021	School Closes for Summer Holidays

Please note the school will be closed over the Christmas Break so there will be no play scheme available.

Training Days:

- Friday 13th November 2020
- Friday 4th December 2020
- Friday 12th March 2021
- Friday 30th April 2021
- Friday 18th June 2021