

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

11th June 2021

Welcome back to the last half term of the year. I hope you are all well and are at least enjoying the better weather. It again will be a different end of the year to what we usually have but we will make the best of it and hopefully we will be able to prepare for a return to normal in September.

School Uniform Survey



Thank you very much to everyone who completed the questionnaire. We sent this out because of parents asking about uniform and how the last year has affected what children have been wearing.

We had 64 responses, of those only three did not think children should wear school uniform. The majority of comments confirmed parents are happy with the current uniform policy, including no logo as this makes it easier and cheaper to source uniform from several different shops and supermarkets.

Over half thought there should be a policy regarding footwear. Any comments referred to black school shoes or trainers being appropriate. A few suggested children should not come to school in sandals/open toe shoes.

All of the returned surveys agreed that children should be allowed to wear PE kit on the days they do PE but several suggested that there should be some guidelines about what can be worn.

We have decided to continue with the same school uniform as we have had with the addition of the PE expectations.

The staff believe this supports the school ethos and forms part of belonging to St Bartholomew's Primary School.

Due to the pandemic and changing expectations about washing clothes etc it has been more difficult to enforce uniform since last March, especially when we have had less opportunities to shop and the financial situation has been uncertain for so many.

However, from September we will expect all children to wear uniform and conform to the rules as the majority completing the survey agree.

We will send out a uniform information leaflet over the next few weeks to explain the expectations around uniform to help you prepare for September and the new school year.

Once again thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

I know this year has been difficult for everyone but children need to attend school every day, this is even more important now we are trying to make up for lost learning due to the national school closures. We follow the Leeds procedures and this could result in us taking action for regular non-attendance. You must contact school about any absence and we will only authorise absences that we feel are valid. Children being on time is also vital so they are in their classrooms for the start of the day so they are ready to learn. Lateness can be counted as an absence.

Please contact school if you require any support or guidance about attendance. We want to help make sure all our children come to school every day.

Attendance in Nursery and Reception

Please remember it is vital that all sessions in Nursery are attended and children in Reception attend every day. This provides fundamental future learning and establishes good habits

Payments

You must pay for ASC/BC on a Monday.

If you do not pay on time regularly, you could lose your place or we may not allocate you a place in September. We will send letters about September at the beginning of July.

Play-scheme

There will be two weeks of play-scheme over the summer holidays, week beginning the 2nd and 9th August. This is childcare provision for those who need it and have no other options. We have very limited spaces and you must pay for and attend the days allocated as we always have a waiting list and it is not fair if places are not then used. We will send letters out shortly.



Save the date

If restrictions are lifted (which is currently looking less likely) and we are allowed we will hopefully be holding the following events.

- NHS Big Tea event Monday 5th July
- New reception parents meeting Wednesday 7th July
- Parents' Consultation Evenings Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July

Annual Reports

All the children will bring home their annual school report on Friday 9th July. This will include their class and teacher for next year. There will be an opportunity to discuss these before the end of term, hopefully face to face but if not by phone.

Advice Drop ins

Starting on Tuesday 15th June, a member of the team from New Wortley Community Center will be delivering a drop in session for any parent wanting support around housing, benefits, mental health and wellbeing, how to get involved in activities at the Community Center etc. sessions will run 2-3pm no appointments necessary, just drop in for a chat.

Training days dates for next year – the school will be closed for children on these days.

12th November
 3rd December
 28th January
 17th June
 15th July

Something new Mrs Wainwright learned this week

This week I was very lucky when I went into class 1A when they were learning phonics. The children taught me the actions for some of the sounds that help them remember them. They were amazing.

Website and Twitter

Classes often put updates about what they have been doing in school on the school website and Twitter



Headteachers Awards – Well done to these children who have had a great week in school.

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!

<i>Class 1A: Bilal</i>	<i>Class 1: Willow</i>	<i>Class 2: Rachel</i>	<i>Class 3: Hafsa</i>	<i>Class 4: Kile</i>
<i>Class 5: Jordan</i>	<i>Class 6: Nathaniel</i>	<i>Class 7: Avah</i>	<i>Class 8: Zainab</i>	<i>Class 9: Daria-Maria</i>
<i>Class 10: Monroe</i>	<i>Class 11: Lilly-Rose</i>	<i>Class 12: Harry</i>	<i>Class 13: Lawi</i>	<i>Class 14: Logan</i>
<i>Class 15: James</i>	<i>Class 16: Habib</i>	<i>Class 17: Hussna</i>	<i>Class 18: Xander</i>	
<i>Class 19: Laura</i>	<i>Class 20: Zahra</i>	<i>Class 21: Toni-Leigh</i>		

Best Classes in School

These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour.

KS1 – Class 6

KS2 – Class 14

Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 8

KS2- Class 19



Weekly Round-Up

Nursery- Oh, what a wonderful start to this half term, sunshine! Our topic this half term is Journeys and this week we have been reading the book *The Naughty Bus*. Our role play area is a big red bus with its own bell to ring when wanting to get off at your stop. The children are having many adventures on the bus and for the next few weeks new and exciting props will be added to create more adventures and learning. Pictures on the website of what we have been up to.



This is a free event that finishes this weekend- might be worth a visit- ROAR!!!! leedsjurassictrail.co.uk

Reception- This week in Reception we have enjoyed beginning our brand new topic of “To Infinity and Beyond”. In Literacy we have been reading the story ‘Whatever Next’ and creating our own story maps to retell the story. In Maths, we have been making baby bear a picnic to take to the moon but we had to double the food. Therefore we have been practicing doubling numbers and recording our findings. We have also loved learning all about Space! We have learnt the names of the 8 planets and begun to look at Astronauts and what they do.

Year 1- This week Year 1 have enjoyed making up their own class safari poem. They worked really hard to make it rhyme and then performed it to the other class. In Maths we have been looking at halves and whole. The children could recognise and make halves of shapes and numbers.

Year 2- This week in Year 2 we have been looking at all the continents and oceans in the world. We have been singing songs and looking at pictures to help us to remember them. In English we enjoyed reading a new non-fiction book all about seaside holidays, we then looked at the features and wrote sentences using 'and' and 'because'. In maths we have found how many faces, edges and vertices 3D shapes have. We have loved using the field for PE this week in the glorious sunshine.

Year 3 –We have been learning about dragons through our non-fiction text called *Dragonology*, we have explored lots of new and challenging vocabulary and have created a Tops Trump card about a specific dragon. In Maths year 3 have been learning about fractions, we have explored how fractions can be shown in many different ways to support our deeper understanding. In Science we have been learning about the human body and some of the scientific names for our bones, test your children and see if they remember.

Year 4- Welcome back Year 4! We hope you have had a lovely week off and that you are all ready for an exciting final term in school. This week, in English, we have been writing an explanation about how to mummify a body in Ancient Egyptian times. In Maths, we have been identifying different types of angles and using protractors to measure them accurately. In Geography, we have enjoyed looking at why the River Nile was so important to people who lived nearby. Please remember to send all children in PE kits on their PE day. Class 12 - Monday, Class 13 - Tuesday and Class 14 - Wednesday. We will be carrying on learning about and playing rounders for the next few weeks.

Year 5- We have enjoyed starting work on the story book *Who Let The Gods Out*. In Maths we have been multiplying decimal by 10 -100 -1000. In Art we have enjoyed using our pencil skills to draw real life pictures of flowers and show the colour changes using shading.

Year 6- Lessons: In English, we are starting our topic on balanced arguments. We have discussed if video games are good for children and we will be writing another balanced argument next week on whether ‘face masks’ should continue to be worn in high schools. In Geography, we are continuing with our ‘natural disasters’ topic – looking at earthquakes and how they occur. **Transition:** Over the next two months, Mr Needham will be communicating with high schools regarding transition. This will be an important process so that the transition to high school is smooth one. Any questions regarding transition, please contact school and ask to speak to Mr Needham.

School Dates:

Friday 18th June 2021

Tuesday 27th July 2021

Monday 6th September 2021

Training Day- No children in School

School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm

School Opens