

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parent and Carers,

We have come to the end a very busy and understandably stressful week. I appreciate how the current situation is concerning for you all, but we are trying our best to make school as safe as possible and we are following all the guidelines.

If you are worried about anything or your child is ill, please call school and we will advise and support when we can. The best place for medical advice is your doctor, or if it is a more urgent concern call 111. It is hard to judge how ill your child is or whether they may have coronavirus but you know your child best.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

You must obtain a test if you or your child has any of these symptoms

## **Flu immunisation.**

The children from reception to year 6 are eligible for a national annual flu immunisation. We will be sending a separate letter about this shortly. There is a link below for you to complete the consent form now.

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=108005&Type=FLU>

## **Attendance**

If your children are displaying symptoms or have another illness and are too unwell for school, home is obviously the best place for them. However once they are well they must attend school. It is vital that we support children's learning in school and start to fill the gaps several months off school have left.

You must contact school **before 8.15am** if your child is not coming to school as it is very important that we know what is wrong with them all so we can monitor all illness. Please provide details about the nature of their illness and not just report they are not well or they are poorly. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Card Payments

Many more parents than anticipated are paying by card so we are extending the times. We are open for card payments on a Monday: 7.00-9.00am and 3.00-5.30pm. Please do not bring children from school into the entrance, thank you.

## Period Poverty

There is a national campaign to support with the cost of providing period products. If you have anyone in your family who need and would like free products please contact Miss Lawson.

## **Good News!**

I am not making any changes this week to any routines this week. We are constantly reviewing everything we do and we will make changes as we need to. We will try to keep these at a minimum but please be patient as we try to make everything as safe as possible whilst providing the best education we can.



## Behaviour and Attitude

All the children are working very hard in school and are quickly becoming used to the new routines. Their behaviour and attitude to school is credit to you all and this has definitely helped the staff manage at a very difficult time. It is lovely to see them back.

## ***Stars of the week:***

<i>Class 1</i>	<i>Ibrahim</i>
<i>Class 2</i>	<i>Emma</i>
<i>Class3</i>	<i>Emily</i>
<i>Class4</i>	<i>Joey</i>
<i>Class 5</i>	<i>Emily</i>
<i>Class 6</i>	<i>Harvey</i>
<i>Class 7</i>	<i>Eesa</i>
<i>Class 8</i>	<i>Joanna</i>
<i>Class 9</i>	<i>James</i>
<i>Class 10</i>	<i>Gabija</i>
<i>Class 11</i>	<i>Pebbles</i>
<i>Class 12</i>	<i>Aya</i>
<i>Class 13</i>	<i>Jenny</i>
<i>Class 14</i>	<i>Nayara</i>
<i>Class 15</i>	<i>Adeel</i>
<i>Class 16</i>	<i>Sheryl</i>
<i>Class 17</i>	<i>Abdul</i>
<i>Class 18</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
<i>Class 20</i>	<i>Ibrahim</i>
<i>Class 21</i>	<i>D'Vontae</i>