

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

9th October 2020



Face Coverings

Due to the increased cases of COVID, we have now decided to take the additional measure of asking parents to wear a face covering/mask when you come onto school grounds. This includes anywhere in the school grounds, not just in the building. We expect all parents to do this to help keep children, other parents and staff safe.

Flu Immunisations

We are aware that many of you had difficulties accessing the system to book your child's immunisation. We have spoken to the company and they have booked to return to school for a second day on Thursday 12th November. You have received paper forms this week. If you want your child to receive this in school the form must be returned by Friday 16th October. The company who administers the immunisation collects these and we cannot add you to the list after this date.

Parent Governor Elections

Unfortunately, one of our parent governors has had to leave the position and we are looking for another. If you have time and are interested in supporting the school by joining our Governing Body, please complete and return the attached form. We really appreciate parents joining and offering a different perspective and level of support and challenge. Please ask if you have any questions

Reminders

Pack Lunches – Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars for your children. We also have an increasing amount of children with nut allergies, some more severe, so could you please not put nut products in your child's lunch. Thank you.

Bikes/Scooters – If children come to school on a bike or a scooter, they must wear a helmet. The children can take their helmet to class.

Punctuality – Children must be in school by 9am. This ensures that they are in school for the beginning of lessons. It is currently more important as we do not want children walking round school.

Carpark gate – The gate has broken and cannot be repaired. It will be sometime before we can get it replaced.

Please do not use this gate to walk through. It leads straight into the busy carpark and this is very dangerous. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Wellbeing – finding out how we can help

Leeds have provided a survey that parents can complete so schools can identify the kinds of support children and families may need during what is a very difficult time for us all. Please use the link below. Thank you

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/PCWELLBEING/>.

Worship and Harvest

So far this year in school, we have all been focussing on the Christian Value of Generosity. We have seen from some of our Bible verses how loving and generous our God is. This has also been a theme for our collective worship with Father Michael (Virtually). As this is harvest season, we would like to demonstrate our own generosity as a school community, by collecting foodstuffs which we can give to Father Michael, so that they can be distributed to people who are in need in our area. The children will then have an opportunity, during our Zoom collective worship, to show what they have brought. This act of charity will be a lovely demonstration of our next Christian Value, which is Compassion. We would be so grateful, therefore, if each of our pupils could bring in a small tinned food item - so that it will not be perishable - by Friday 16th October. Please take all donations to your child's class, thank you.

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - We have had another marvellous week in Nursery. Thank you to the children who brought in leaves, conkers etc but please can we have some more! I will be out acorn and conker hunting this weekend and due to all the wind we have been having the conkers are falling off the trees and just waiting to be collected. We have had a week concentrating on shapes and colours and played many 'finding' games both inside and out. The children have loved finding shapes that have been hidden and spotting them all around them- square and rectangle windows, circle wheels and triangular pizza slices. We have been practicing our gross motor skills- balancing, running, hopping, climbing, rolling and stopping. The new climbing frame with slide allows the children to try different ways to move along the logs and ways of challenging themselves to reach the slide. The grass surface we have now is great for practicing our rolling skills- Julia is a whizz at rolling around the playground.

Reception- This week in Reception we have been reading Superworm and creating a story map to recall the story using actions. In Maths we have been comparing amounts and identifying which group has more and which group has less. We have also been thinking about Doctors and how doctors may help us. We have been pretending to be a Doctor in our role play and giving our friends check-ups to see if they are well.

Year 1 - This week in Maths, we have been partitioning numbers using the whole part model. The children have shown a great understanding. In History, we have been learning about toys in the past and comparing them to the toys we play with now. The children really enjoyed discussing their favourite toys with their friends in class.

Year 2- This week we are looking forward to making the fire engines we have designed in Design Technology. In Mathematics, we are practicing counting forwards and backwards in twos to twenty. We would like you to help us practice this at home, so we can improve our counting skills! In English we have enjoyed making and eating pizza this week in our unit on instructions. At the end of the week we will use all the skills we have learnt to write our own set of instructions about how to make a pizza.

Year 3- Have been reading a non-fiction book about wolves. They have been learning about the glossary and will be writing their own with the information they have learnt. In maths we are learning column subtraction using counters to help us. In Design Technology we have started constructing our Roman houses. We used a net to build the pediment and are working out ways to join our columns to it.

Year 4 - This week we have been learning about some diseases in the Victorian era, such as Cholera. We investigated how this changed lives of the population, especially in Leeds. In maths lessons, we have started some work on addition using a column method. During our music lessons, we have been playing instruments alongside a famous song by a band called Abba. We have enjoyed creating biographies for a second week, following on from feedback we received last week.

Year 5 - This week, the children have written their final flash backs about the sinking of the Titanic, the children have created some fantastic pieces of work! In history, they have been working in pairs to create a fact file about the Titanic using the I-Pads. The children have drawn some masterpieces in art this week, using the skills they have learnt of the last few weeks to produce a perspective drawing.

Year 6 News

Lessons: In RE, children have enjoyed learning about the five Ks of Sikhism. In History, children have ordered and discussed key events of World War 2. In Maths, children completed work on short division. Next week, children will be completing work on long division.

High School Applications

The deadline for High School applications is the 31st of October. Please contact school and ask to speak to Mr Needham if you have any questions regarding the completion of forms online. There are a number of virtual open evenings taking place – please refer to the school website – School Life (at the top of the homepage) and click on Year 6 – transition. There is also a link to the High School Online Application Form on this webpage.

Best Classes in School

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

to: **KS1 – Class 6**

KS2 – Class 18

Well done, I can't wait to see who wins next week.

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 Aahil

Year 1 Niko

Year 2 Israel

Year 3 Shannel

Year 4 Sumiyah

Year 5 Levi

Year 6 Marta

School Dates:

Friday 23 rd October 2020	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2020	School Opens
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