

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2020**



Can I first say thank you to all the parents who have been supportive and understanding of the decisions we have had to make this week to close several class bubbles. We always consult with the DFE and Leeds about the decisions we make, as there are very strict guidelines schools have to follow to try to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. When we have to send children home, it affects parents and often results in you having time off work and it is only a decision we make after consultation and when it is for the safety of your children and the staff. However, I am aware of how difficult this is and we will try to support families and children as much as we can. I would also like to thank the staff who have worked hard to support the children and myself in these very unusual and difficult times. Unfortunately, this is likely to happen again and we will continue to work to keep our school safe.

## **Play-scheme**

Some parents have asked what will happen if we have sent your children home to isolate with their classes. If you booked a place and still need play-scheme in October half term, the children are still welcome to attend as their 14 days isolation will be over. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to cancel their place. If you did not book a place for your children and have had to take unexpected time off work for this isolation period, we do have a few places available to book due to cancellations. (The cost is £5 per child per day) If you want to discuss this, please call the office or see me.

## **UNIFORM**

We do have some second hand school uniform available in school. It has all been washed and is in good condition. If you would like any items please call or speak to Miss Lawson and we will check to see if we have what you need.

## **Parent Governor Nominations**

Please remember to return your form if you want to apply to be a school governor. This is a vital role as it provides the governing body and school with a very important perspective from our parents. If you want to discuss this before you make a decision please ask.

## **Reminders**

- **We expect all parents to wear face coverings on the school grounds. If you are exempt, we will ask you for proof of this.**
- **Do not stay on the premises or around the entrances once you have dropped off or collected your children. We need to maintain socially distancing.**
- **The carpark gate is broken and we are waiting to have a new one fitted. Please do not walk through it.**
- **School closes for one week on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we will see all the children on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

## **Weekly Round Up**

**Reception** – This week we have been comparing things by weight. We have also enjoyed continuing with our story ‘Superworm’ and have added to our storymap. We have also been learning about Autumn.

**Year 1** - This week in Year 1 the children have enjoyed some exciting Science lessons. We have been learning all about our bodies and our senses. The children enjoyed learning about their 5 senses through different fun activities. We went on a listening walk, tasted different foods and smelt different objects. The children did a great job of recording their findings. In Maths we have been learning to use the tens frame to make number doubles to 10. The children showed a good understanding and loved playing teachers and using the giant tens frame in class.

**Year 2** - This week we are practising counting forwards and backwards in twos, fives and tens in Maths. In Science, we are learning about the human life cycle. We are going to carry out an experiment to find out whether the size of our head changes as we get older. In R.E, we are continuing to learn about Jesus this half term, finding out how Jesus asks us to be generous and how we can do this. We will enjoy reading the story of The Good Samaritan in the bible as part of this work. Please help us practise our counting at home!

**Year 3** - Year 3 have continued their topic of wolves in literacy and are now applying non-fiction features such as a contents page, captions and headings to create an information text. In maths we are applying our knowledge of column subtraction to missing number and word problems. In design technology we have finished our roman houses and in geography we are looking into volcanoes, how and why they erupt and the consequences of this.

**Year 4** - This week, Year 4 have been looking at the features of a play script in English. We are building up our skills to write our own play script about Oliver Twist. In maths, we have been using counters to help us learn a new method to subtract larger numbers. In art lessons, we have enjoyed mixing colours to create paintings in the style of L.S. Lowry. We also looked at how the British Empire grew in the Victorian era.

**Year 5** - This week we took part in a live assembly to discuss the importance of keeping ourselves safe online. We then made a poster with all the things we can do to keep ourselves and other safe. In English, we have been writing a newspaper report about the sinking of the Titanic, we had to use our research skills to find out all the important facts for our newspaper reports.

**Year 6- Lessons:** In RE, children have enjoyed different Sikh artefacts. Next week, children will be going on a virtual tour of a Gurdwara Temple. In English, children have started writing their own evacuee story. In Maths, children have enjoyed the challenge of completing long division sums.

**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.

### **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- Esa**  
**Year 4- Glory**

**Year 1- Eliza-Beau**  
**Year 5- Colesha**

**Year 2-Harvey W L**  
**Year 6-Hadeel**

**Year 3 Nina**

### **A brand new section starting today**

#### **Something New Mrs Wainwright Learned This Week**

Every week the children in school teach me new things, like facts and figures and sometimes about how to be a better person. They always amaze me with their interest in life and learning and always want to share what they know or have learned. From now, I will share with you something one of the children have taught me each week.

This week Aleena from class 10 taught me that the Romans called the roofs of their buildings 'pediments'. The class have been making Roman buildings and studying their architecture and were very proud to show me their models.



**School Dates:**

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	School Opens
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	School Closes for Christmas Break
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	School Opens
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	School Opens
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	School Opens
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	School Closes for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	School Opens
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School Opens
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021