

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

23rd October 2020

URGENT

If anyone in your household has a Covid test, nobody must go out, including children until you receive the test result. If it is negative and everyone is well, they can return to normal. If it is positive, everyone else in the house must isolate for 14 days.



We expect all parents and to wear face coverings on the school grounds when dropping off or collecting your children. If you are exempt, we will ask you for proof of this.

Reminders

- Please remember to return the forms about internet and computer access at home; they are important to help us plan for home learning.
- After school club and breakfast club must be paid for on a Monday, even if your child is not attending that week, we may cancel your place and allocate it to someone on the waiting list if you do not pay. We will carry over any payments made if we have to close your child's class, you must pay for all other sessions. If you no longer require this provision, please let us know.

Parking

A number of parents have been issued with fines for parking illegally outside school this week. You are not allowed to park on the yellow lines or mount the curb to park on the pavement. Please take care to park correctly as the wardens can patrol at any time.

Play scheme

Please drop children off between 8.30am and 8.50am. They can be collected between 4.00pm - 4.15pm

They must wear suitable clothing including trainers for outside activities.

Sanitary Products

We have received an amount of free sanitary products. These can be for anyone in your household.

If you would like any, please see Miss Lawson.

School Lunches

As you are aware, our school kitchen had to close this week. Catering Leeds provide our lunches, they worked quickly to deliver grab bags for all the children. Unfortunately, in these difficult times this was the only option. This is not ideal but we are all trying our best to manage situations as they arise. It will re-open after the holiday though it will be some time before a full service can resume. If you have any questions about school meals please see me.

“Something New Mrs Wainwright Learned This Week”

Class 2 have taught me actions for the sounds they have learned in phonics this week. Thank you.

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: Cody
Year 4: Akbar

Year 1: Maverick
Year 5: David

Year 2: Alex
Year 6: Abia

Year 3: Malaqa



Best Classes in School

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

KS1 – class 8

KS2 – class 16

Amazing Attendance

This week the attendance award goes to class 4. Well Done



Weekly Round Up

Nursery – We are loving exploring the properties of the windy weather. We have made wind streamers and kites as well as watching the different materials blowing on our washing lines and also catching the materials once they have blown off the lines!!

After half term our topic is The Dark, we will talk about how the evenings are darker earlier, about do we sleep in the dark or whether we have a nightlight and about the animals that sleep during the day and come out to play at night!

Please can we have more acorns and conkers and a reminder that the children need to bring a coat to school as we do enjoy being outside whatever the weather. Also thank you to the parents that have sent in their children's baby or family pictures and could I remind the others to send them in, thank you.

Have a wonderful break and see you on the 2nd November 2020.

Year 1 - The staff in Year 1 would like to say a big well done to all of the children in classes 3, 4 and 5 for settling in so well this half term. They have done a fantastic job and all the adults in year 1 are very proud of them!

This week the children have enjoyed learning about their 5 senses. We have learned and performed a senses poem and had a great time carrying out different senses experiments in Science.

Year 2 – In year 2 this week we have celebrated black history month. We have been looking at the life of Ruby Bridges and we have discussed why she was so brave, we also discussed times when we have been brave. In DT this week we finished making our model fire engines, they looked fantastic and had all the important things that a fire engine needs. In history, we re-capped the story of the great fire of London and we wrote a newspaper report explaining what happened.

Year 3 – We have been learning about the Roman emperor Septimius Severus from Roman times for black history week. We researched his life by looking at artefacts, statues and buildings. We also made Roman coins out of clay and gold powder in his honour. In English year 3 have read revolting rhymes and are writing their own for Halloween focusing on rhyming words and exciting language.

Year 4 - This week, we have been spending the week looking at the lives of black people in history. In our science lessons, we looked at the first black astronauts in space and what this was like at the time. We have also used our knowledge of the famous artist, L S Lowry, to create a famous protest scene in his unique style. Well done on a great first half term and enjoy your break next week!

Year 5 – We have been learning about the Atlantic Slave Trade. We have looked at how and where this began and who profited from this horrible trade. We have used primary sources to investigate what life was like for a slave. We then found out about how the slave trade was eventually abolished in the UK and the USA. We have created some fantastic pieces of writing this week and will be uploading a selection onto the website for you to see.

Year 6 - Lessons

In RE, children enjoyed their virtual tour of a Gurdwara Temple. In English, children completed their own evacuee story. In Maths, children enjoyed investigating factors and finding common factors. Children have also looked at the impact Jesse Owens, John Carlos, Tommie Smith and Colin Kaepernick have had on sport around the world.

High School Applications

A polite reminder to all year 6 families that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2021 is Saturday 31st October. You can make your application online at: www.leeds.gov.uk/apply or contact admissions on 0113 222 4414 for further information.

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.

Absolutely Amazing

Thank you to everyone who sent in for our collection. Father Michael conducted two special worship assemblies on Wednesday and has helped identify whom the food can go to.

Many thanks to Father Michael who has led virtual worship this half term and will continue to do so until we can return to normal.

Just one classes contribution.

Well done to Mr Emerson's class



October Half Term

Today we have closed for a week and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday the 2nd November. This will be quite a different half term for us all as the situation continues across the country. Please enjoy your time away from school and stay safe.

Despite having to close some classes over the half term, we have made a great start to the year considering the circumstances. I am very proud of how well the children have managed and settled back into their work. I appreciate the support from the staff and their hard work. I would also like to thank you, the parents for supporting us through these challenging times and being patient as we have to make some very difficult, often last minute decisions.

This situation looks to continue for the foreseeable future and we will continue doing all we can to support the children and families. Please ask us any questions or need and support. The senior management team and I will continue to be available when you drop off or pick up your children.