



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS



11th December 2020

Covid Update - IMPORTANT

Please contact school if your child develops symptoms on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December and then tests positive and was in school in the 48-hour period before developing symptoms.

For example if they were in school on Friday 18th December, and developed symptoms on Sunday 20th and then had a positive test result we would need to know.

This will enable us to contact any children or staff your child may have been in close contact with to tell them that they need to isolate.

If they develop symptoms a full 48 hours after being in school you do not need to let us know.

For example if your child develops symptoms on Monday 21st December and went on to test positive, you would not need to let us know.

How to contact us

Monday 21st December and Tuesday 22nd December – call school between 7am and 12pm – Mrs Wainwright will be available

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th – call 07793988653 between 7am and 12pm

Alternatively, you can email info@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Please be aware out of these times there will be no one available to answer your call or respond to your email

If you want to report any other incidents after the Thursday 24th please leave a message on the school answering machine or email and someone will return your call when they can or on Monday 4th January when we re-open.

Thank you for your support with this, it is very important to keep everyone safe.

Free School Meals - Last Chance

If your child is entitled to benefits free school meals and you did not return the form we sent out last week and you would like a hamper for the holiday period please contact the office by Tuesday 15th December. We have the opportunity to provide you with a hamper but this will not be delivered to your house and must be collected from school on Friday 18th December at the end of the day when you collect your children.

Data Collection Sheets

Can children please bring the data sheet back to school if they have not. Please make sure you have checked and signed it. There is still time to receive those raffle tickets from your teacher. Thank you

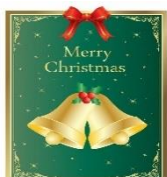
Reminders

- Class 20 are expected to return to school on Tuesday 15th from their period of isolation
- Some of Nursery are due back on Thursday 17th December. If you are not sure about your child, please call school and we can confirm who should be returning.
- Next week all children will be taking part in Christmas activities. The staff are doing their best to make sure the children enjoy the festive season despite the restrictions.

Thank You Father Michael

Father Michael has continued to lead regular acts of worship for school using Zoom. He will also be joining us for our virtual Christmas service that the children and staff have been working hard for which takes place next week.

A special mention to Mr Embleton, Mr Mulvihill and Mr Leadbeater who have put a lot of work into these activities this term.



Christmas cards – the last day children can bring cards to school is Wednesday 16th December.

Thank you Class 5.

I was very lucky this week to be given a chocolate stick man; I was a bit worried about eating him, as he looked so cute.



Something New Mrs Wainwright Learned This Week

I have been very fortunate to be involved in hearing Year 2 read their phonics words. They did a fantastic job; I heard many super readers. Whilst doing this, I learned many different sounds and how to read them in words, even ones that were not real. Well-done Year 2.

Nursery

We have some places in our fantastic nursery. If you have any children approaching three or know others who have please contact Mrs. Drake in the school office.

Reception September 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 remember you **must** complete the Leeds application form by 15th January. Having a place in our nursery does not result in an automatic place you still need to apply. If you need support with this, please ask Mrs. Drake or Miss Harvey.

School Meals

Unfortunately as the Covid restrictions continue we are still unable to offer a full schools meals service. Most of the children will continue to eat in their classrooms. However, the menus will be changing from January. Please see website from Monday 14th December for these. We are also going to be using the dining corridor for children in reception, this will help them prepare for when we return to normal.

Flu Immunisations

The children and classes who missed these will have them on Thursday 7th January.

Communicating with parents

In these very difficult times, we sometimes have to contact a large group of parents at one time. We use our electronic text system for this. Please make sure you check your phone for messages and if you change your number inform school immediately.

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 : Ethel

Year 1 : Isabella

Year 2 : Vanessa

Year 3 : Oscar

Year 4 : Casey

Year 5 : Neel

Year 6 : Tabitha



Best Classes in School

The children in these classes have worked very hard this week and had a positive attitude and have achieved the most Trackit points. Well done: Make sure you get your extra play time!

KS1 – Class 7

KS2 – Class 17

Amazing Attendance

This week the attendance award goes to Class 15



Weekly Round Up

Reception- This week we have been very excited. Santa sent us an elf. We have had lots of fun writing about what the elf has been up to in our Reception classrooms. In Maths we have been learning about four sided shapes. We are also looking forward to sharing our Christmas song 'Little Donkey' with you. It will soon be available on the school website for you to see.

Year 1 - Have enjoyed using bossy verbs in English this week and had great fun following instructions to make their own chocolate Stickman. In Maths we have been problem solving and the children have been completing Christmas challenges.

Year 2- This week we have enjoyed learning even more about The Great Fire of London! We will use all our knowledge to write our own diary entry about the fire from the point of view of a cat in the fire at the end of the week. In PSHE we are continuing to learn about the importance of eating a healthy diet and we are enjoying developing our invasion skills, learning how to dribble a ball in P.E.

Year 3 - We have continued our work on the Iron Man in Literacy and will be writing a newspaper article around the events of the space-bat dragon's arrival. In Maths we have moved onto our 4 and 8 times tables using both multiplication and division and applying these in many different ways. In Geography, we have been learning about Italian culture including their food, music and religion. We have researched these areas and shared our findings with the rest of the class. Next week we are going to use our Italy knowledge to create a board game.

Year 4 - We have been looking at how rich Victorian children celebrated Christmas and how this compares to the season nowadays. In Maths, we have been doing some tests to see what we have learned over the term and what we need to revise in future weeks. We have also been continuing to learn our Christmas Song ready for our Church Performance. This will also be available next week for others to see.

Year 5 - This week, in Year 5 we have been learning all about The Highway Man. We have learnt about rhythm and rhyme and how this helps the poem flow. At the end of the week, we wrote our own poems about the Highwayman using rhyming couplets. The children enjoyed taking part in the Leeds sing along Christmas choir.

Year 6 - Thank-you to all the children for giving 100 percent in tests they completed last week. The children should be very proud of themselves! In class, children are enjoying looking at different advent activities – completing one each day. In RE, children looked at the story of Christmas from the point of view of an angel. In English, children enjoyed writing persuasive speeches in the style of Winston Churchill.

School Dates:

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 12 th March 2021
Friday 30 th April 2021
Friday 18 th June 2021