

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

19th March 2021

The children and staff have settled back into a routine at school and I hope you have too after all the disruption. It is lovely to see the classrooms full again.

It is vital all children come to school and are on time to start their learning with their class. However, if you are running late for any reason please contact school and bring your child in as soon as you can, they must not miss the full day.

If your child or anyone in your house has symptoms, you must book a test for that person and you must all isolate. If the test result comes back negative you can all finish isolating and if well enough return to school. If positive, you will need to continue isolating for 10 days.

IT IS VITAL THAT CHILDREN DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE OR LIVE WITH ANYONE WHO HAS SYMPTOMS OR WHO IS POSITIVE.

If your child needs to isolate due to COVID we will provide work, if you need support with computers during this time we can help. Just ask.

We can also order a food hamper from Leeds Catering if your child receives benefits related free school meals.

If you need to contact school over the weekend about a positive case, please use the contact details below for Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson

Tel: **07926128159** or **07736635403**

Email: **covidtesting@stbartsleeds.org.uk**



EU settlement scheme reminder – If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. If you need help with this, please ask at the office.

A Polite Request

I have had a number of concerns about the language parents are using when they are on the school grounds. Please do not use bad language when in school. Thank you

Nursery Places

If you have a child who is three before August 31st and you have not registered them for nursery please do this as soon as possible. As our school numbers are reducing, we will be reviewing the numbers we can take in nursery and will not have as many places available in the future.

Reading Books – After Easter



We are very sorry that we have not been able to send children home with a reading book. They have had access to online books and we have provided links on our website but we know this is not the same. Children have also continued to read in school.

Due to the restrictions, we have not had enough books to follow the quarantine expectations; however, we have purchased a large quantity of new books to start sending them home again. This has cost a significant amount of money so it is vital that

the children care for the books and bring them to school every day, as they will also read in class. Please start using book bags again to keep them safe.

Online Safety



In school we teach the children about the dangers that can happen on line and as the children get older we talk about how they use social media. However, we cannot monitor or restrict their use of social media Apps and online games they access at home. We have had some concerns raised about what some of the older children are doing on these, some causing offence to other children. As parents, we are the ones who need to check what our children are doing online and ensure they access age appropriate Apps, most social media Apps are age restricted and primary school children should not be using them.

I know from experience how hard this is and if you need technical support or advice, please contact school and we will support you with this.

Period products

The school has a supply of products available for anyone in your household.

Uniform

We know how expensive uniform can be especially in the current climate. We have a small stock of second hand uniform in school. These are available if needed for our children.

If you need support with the above please contact Miss Lawson or Mrs Wainwright.

Milk

We will be offering milk again in the summer term. Letters will go out on Monday and must be returned by Friday 26th March, so we can make the order in time.

Something New Mrs Wainwright Learned This Week

I have this week learned more about the children's work on structures, many classes sharing their work with me. Below Lily in year 6 was proud to show me her completed structures that she designed and made.



Headteachers Awards – What a great start back at school!



Reception: Michalina & Lucas

Year 1: Ella

Year 2: Dimetri

Year 3: Emem

Year 4: Rehan

Year 5: Nyhira

Year 6: Samir

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 5

KS2 – Class 19

Amazing Attendance

This week the attendance award goes to Class 6



Weekly Round-Up

Nursery- Oh, we have had fun on the high seas this week! The weather has been super for the last couple of days so lots of hiding and finding lost treasures and making treasure maps for our friends to find the 'the X that marks the spot'. We have also hatched a dinosaur egg that has been very exciting. We all wondered what type of dinosaur we would hatch, the children all made their choices, and the winners were the ones who said 'T- Rex'. Photos of our adventures will be on the website. We are starting to plant some flowers around Nursery as spring is here, donations of plants and cuttings greatly appreciated to create our colourful oasis, thanks. Stay safe.

Reception- This week we have been carrying on with our topic of In the Garden, and we have been focusing on Bees. We have read stories and learnt lots of facts about them. This week in Maths we have been practicing making repeating patterns in lots of different ways, including printing with paint. We have also been talking about recycling and how we do it to look after our planet. We have enjoyed playing games and sorting out rubbish into the correct recycle bin.

Year 1- This week we have been continuing to look at traditional tales. We have been reading different stories and enjoying practising our story map for 'The Three Little Pigs.' The children did a great job of asking the wolf different questions and learning how to use a question mark. In Maths we have been learning to count in 2s and enjoyed making a 2s caterpillar. In Science we have been learning about plants and their functions.

Reminder: Please can children remember to bring their new homework books back to school each week to practise their words in class.

Year 2-This week we have continued our work on multiplication. We have begun to look at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. You can practice this at home with us, starting with 10 then 5 and 2 times tables. In Geography we have learnt about ariel views and created a plan view of our classroom using this skill. In Science we have begun to look at different food groups by practising sorting food in different ways.

Year 3 – We have been reading the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, focusing on the vocabulary used and how it impacts the story and creates images in the children's minds. They have also been designing their own worlds through the wardrobe. In Maths we have been focusing on measurement using mm, cm and m, converting between these before adding and subtracting to answer problems. In Science we have been focusing on light and shade, using mirrors to reflect light and learning the good and bad things about the sun as well as learning how to protect ourselves from the sun.

Year 4- This week we have been comparing a fiction and non-fiction text in English. In Maths, we have been building upon our work on decimals and looking at how we can divide these by 10, 100 and 1000. In Geography, we have been having a debate about deforestation. We enjoyed starting our dreamcatchers in art.

Year 5-This week we have written a balanced argument on the use of single use plastic, we have tried really hard to add all the key features and you will be able to see some examples of these on the Year 5 area on the school website. We have continued our topic on Vikings and investigated why the majority of Vikings who came to Britain wanted to settle and not invade. We have been recapping over division and multiplication in maths.

Year 6- In RE, children investigated the different Stations of the Cross. In English, children have enjoyed writing an eye witness account of being in a tsunami. In Maths, children have recapped over addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of decimals. In Geography, children designed their own tourist leaflet for Leeds.

School Dates:

Thursday 1st April 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Friday 30th April 2021

Tuesday 4th May 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 18th June 2021

Tuesday 27th July 2021

School Closes for Easter Break

School Opens

Training Day – No Children in School

School Opens

School Closes for Half Term

School Opens

Training Day- No children in School

School Closes for Summer Holidays