

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

7th May 2021

Parents' Consultation – thank you to all those parents who asked for a call about their children. I know it is not easy talking over the phone about how your children are getting on at school and we are hopeful we may be able to offer face-to-face meetings near the end of the year.

Travelling to school – the DFE have asked schools to remind parents of the guidance about travelling to school

- If you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so;
- Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- If you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey as roads are now busier than they were when schools fully re-opened on March 8th
- When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt – including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station. You should also social distance where possible, wash or sanitise your hands regularly and be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Bikes and Scooters in school

Children travelling to school on a bike or scooter is a great way to add a little extra exercise into their day, which is always a good thing. If they do bring one to school, they should lock it up outside the main entrance. We have had a few incidents where they have gone missing. Children should also wear a helmet, this can be taken to the classroom for safe keeping. Thank you.

Lateral Flow Tests

Please remember they are available to families from various places in the community for you to test regularly to help identify people with COVID who do not show symptoms but who may pass the virus to others.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE TESTS ARE NOT FOR USE IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS. IF YOU DO HAVE SYMPTOMS YOU MUST BOOK A PCR TEST AND REMAIN ISOLATED WITH THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE RESULTS.

Internet Safety Warning – Omegle



Omegle, a video-chatting website that pairs random users identified as 'You' and 'Stranger' to chat online via 'Text', 'Video' or both. A user can also choose to add their interests, and Omegle will try to pair a user with someone who has similar interests. **If not, you could meet anyone.** Chats are anonymous unless the user states who they are, it's free and no account sign up is required.

We have been made aware that some of our children and their friends are using this site and chatting to strangers who are adults and are asking them inappropriate questions and encouraging the children to do inappropriate things.

PLEASE CHECK WHAT YOUR CHILD DOES ONLINE AT HOME

Play scheme

Once again, we are able to offer a play scheme in May half term. There are very limited places and we ask you only sign up for this if you have no other childcare options. The forms must be completed fully for your children to go on the list, if not they will be returned. Once we have allocated places we will send you confirmation and ask for payment. Do not send money with the first letter as your child may not be allocated a place this time.

Over the summer we will be opening for two weeks, week beginning the 2nd and 9th of August. Places will be limited and are not guaranteed. We will send letters out after the half term holiday. If you wish to discuss this or have any questions please see Mrs Wainwright.

NURSERY

We are having many children brought or collected late from nursery. Please see the times below.

AM session – 8.30am-11.30pm

PM session – 12.30pm-3.30pm

Full day session – 8.30-3.30pm

If you are late after 9am or 12.30pm you must report to the office as nursery doors will be closed.

We appreciate your support with this.

Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE)

As you are aware the government recently brought out a new curriculum for RHSE. The school will begin to teach this curriculum from Summer Term 2021. We offered parents the opportunity to consult with us on the policy and this consultation has now ended. Amendments to the policy include clarity about sex education being taught in year 6. Information has also been added about how the school will inform parents when this part of the curriculum is due to be taught in school and will share further information about the content. The school is also planning to share information with parents about how to respond to their child's questions at home. A full report can be found on the website.

Head lice

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme.

Scholastic Book Orders

Please can all scholastic book orders be returned by Monday 10th May, thank you.

Headteachers Awards – Well done to these children who have had a great week in school.

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!



<i>Class 1A: Florinda</i>	<i>Class 1: Aizah</i>	<i>Class 2: Aliza</i>	
<i>Class 3: Inaaya</i>	<i>Class 4: Angelica</i>	<i>Class 5: Stephen</i>	
<i>Class 6: Dawid</i>	<i>Class 7: Liyu</i>	<i>Class 8: Victoria</i>	
<i>Class 9: Lydia</i>	<i>Class 10: Haki</i>	<i>Class 11: Zunairah</i>	
<i>Class 12: Maddelynn</i>	<i>Class 13: Aamana</i>	<i>Class 14: Yousaf</i>	
<i>Class 15: Chelsea</i>	<i>Class 16: Emily</i>	<i>Class 17: Keren</i>	<i>Class 18: Sayaan</i>
<i>Class 19: Aribah</i>	<i>Class 20: Atif</i>	<i>Class 21: Lilly-Rose</i>	

Best Classes in School

These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour.

KS1 – Class 7

KS2 – Class 21

Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 6

KS2- Classes 11 & 18



Weekly Round-Up

Nursery- We have had another great week in Nursery, and we have had our first two models brought in for our new challenge- 'what can you make with empty boxes etc' I have put photographs on the website of the two models for you to see. The children are loving our mini beast hunting, listening to and looking at both fiction and non fiction books relating to mini beasts and have been chanting repeated refrains from books such as 'Superworm is super strong, Superworm is super long' and 'aaaargh spider, out you go'. More planting and minibests next week and we are hoping that the beans we planted and are regularly watering start to sprout. I put on the website some pictures of what we have been doing and I mentioned that the wall garden at Gotts Park has been developed with a willow walk, textured path walk and benches and tables if you fancy a cheap trip out now that the weather is improving.

Reception- This week in Reception we have enjoyed looking at a range of different Pirate stories and creating our own treasure maps. In Maths we have been beginning to practice adding two groups together to find a total. We also really enjoyed celebrating Number Day, engaging in different Maths activities while raising money for Charity.

Year 1- This week the children have continued to learn all about Africa. Using our book Handa's Surprise we have looked at the suffixing and plurals in English. In Maths, the children have been comparing bigger and smaller numbers and using their reasoning skills to work out word problems.

Year 2- This week we have explored what seaside holidays were like in the past by looking at old photographs in History. We have enjoyed planting sunflowers in Science and we are looking forward to observing how these grow over the term. In Design and Technology we had fun making a fruit boat!

Year 3 – We have been learning about Anglo-Saxons. In English we have read a non-fiction text about Anglo-Saxons and are using the knowledge they have learnt to understand the myth of Beowulf. We have learnt about the characters, where they came from and why they needed help. In Maths Year 3 are learning new methods to complete division and multiplication calculations, using their place value knowledge regrouping tens and ones practically to support this. In Science we have been learning about what humans and animals need to survive and what a healthy diet looks like, planning a healthy meal.

Year 4- This week, we have been continuing our work on money in Maths. In English, we have been finding out about Egyptian clothing during our class reading and in Science, we have been studying environmental change and what we can do to help in this area. In Computing, we have been continuing to create a website using different HTML codes.

Year 5- This week the children have really enjoyed their swimming lessons. In English, we have started to look at persuasive writing and we are using this to write a letter and create posters on saving the planet, based on the book Greta and the Giants. In Computing, we have started building our own art galleries using architect software.

Year 6- Lessons- In RE, we have been looking at the difference and similarities of baptism and christening from Christians. We have also read from the bible, the story of Christ's baptism by John the Baptist. In English, we have spent the week looking at how to write a second draft of an explanation text. In Science, we have looked at the relationship between voltage in a circuit and the brightness of bulbs. We have found out electricity in our homes is a whopping 240V!

Transition-Over the next two months, Mr Needham will be communicating with high schools regarding transition. This will be an important process so that the transition to high school is smooth one. Any questions regarding transition, please contact school and ask to speak to Mr Needham.

School Dates:

Friday 28th May 2021

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 7th June 2021

School Opens

Friday 18th June 2021

Training Day- No children in School

Tuesday 27th July 2021

School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm

Monday 6th September 2021

School Opens