

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

21st May 2021

What do you think?

Attached to this newsletter is a form to complete asking your opinions about school uniform. From September, we want to return to having clear expectations for wearing uniform that all children will follow. Due to COVID, the policy has been relaxed and expectations changed but we want to re-establish some clear rules so we can make a fresh start in the new school year. Please take the time to complete and return the short questionnaire.

Changes for September

Due to the reducing number of children in school and Reception only having two classes from September 2022 we are having to start making changes in school.

Nursery

We are reducing the numbers of children we can take in Nursery. We will only be able to take 39 children each session instead of 52 from September 2021. This will result in us becoming full and we have to set up a waiting list. If you want a place for your child in Nursery, please ask at the office.

Mixed Classes

To ensure the quality of education can be maintained and because of the budget implications of having less children in school we will be having mixed classes across some year groups from September. This will only happen over the next few years until we have 60 children in every year group over two classes. We will share more details when the plans have been finalised. We will be moving to a phased approach, two year groups will work as a team with one member of the Senior Leadership Team taking responsibility for each phase. I can assure you the quality of the teaching and learning will remain very high and we will continue to support all our children as we always have.

Something Mrs Wainwright learned this week



WOW!

Class 4 have been teaching me how they count in ones, twos, fives and tens. This is Eliza's amazing work counting up to 100



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!

Class 1A: Melisa

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Class 2: Dorota

Class 3: Yusuf

Class 4: Eliza

Class 5: Ayana

Class 6: Jamie

Class 7: Miriam

Class 8: Haider

Class 9: Elliot

Class 10: Niamh

Class 11: Lewis

Class 12: Alex

Class 13: Alina

Class 14: Stacey

Class 15: Bridget

Class 16: Adela

Class 17: Jakub

Class 18: Imogen

Class 19: Zain

Class 20: Alisha

Class 21: Nikola

Best Classes in School

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

KS1 – Class 5

KS2 – Class 10

Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 1A

KS2- Class 11 & 17



Weekly Round-Up

Nursery- We are continuing our minibeast theme with the books, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Crunching Munching Caterpillar. We are using the books to help us learn our numbers, sequencing, understand about the life cycle of a caterpillar, food types and because the children are finding lots of caterpillars in our garden. The fruit tasting went down very well, with most children saying that strawberries were their favourite fruit. Unfortunately the plums were still a bit hard and hadn't acquired the sweetness they are known for so were the least popular fruit but they did cause the children to make some funny faces and use words like 'sour', 'hard' and 'horrible'! Photographs of activities that have been going on in the week will be put on the website. I heard a lovely phrase the other day 'be a rainbow for someone's cloud' and I thought that is the children in Nursery, they always try their best, they make us proud and add colour to the life's of everyone that knows them.

Reception- We have been continuing to listen to a range of Pirate stories and enjoyed making our own Pirate ships outside. In Maths we have been practicing combining two groups to find a total and counting on in our heads to find the answer. We are also enjoying being able to take our reading books home to share them with our grown ups. However, please can all children remember to bring their book bags back every day.

Year 1- We have had a great time making fruit kebabs this week. We tasted and described different fruits, chose our favourites and designed our fruit kebabs. The children carefully made them and then wrote their own instructions using bossy verbs.

Year 2- This week we have enjoyed making our own seaside catching game in Computing. We have enjoyed reading some riddles as part of our new unit of work in English and in Maths we have learnt about fractions. Ask us to chop up some fruit at home into halves, quarters and thirds for some more practice!

Year 3 – We have created comic strips using onomatopoeia based on the fight between Grendel and Beowulf in the story of Beowulf. You can see these on the website and twitter. They are now planning their own fight scene to write this chapter using paragraphs and applying all the fantastic vocabulary they have learnt while reading the book so far. In Maths Year 3 are learning about right angles and angles that are bigger and smaller than 90 degrees. They have used right angle finders to discover these angles in every day settings. In History Year 3 have learnt about why the Anglo-Saxons lived where they did, why they didn't live in the houses the Romans left and why places we live now such as Bramley and Armley end in LEY. Ask your child and see if they can teach you something.

Year 4- This week, we have been reading a book called 'Until I met Dudley', to help us look at features of explanation texts. In Maths, we have been interpreting data from graphs and charts and in art, we have finished our dreamcatchers. In History, we have been mummifying a tomato, after learning how bodies were mummified in Egyptian times.

Year 5- We have been looking at all the features of poetry. We then created our own poems based on the poem The Tree and will share some of these on the school website. In Art we enjoyed learning the skills to making a pot on in clay, we then these used these skills to create a Greek pot.

Year 6- Lessons: This week in RE, we have been looking at promises young people make as a rite of passage when growing up. We have then made promises to our future selves. In English, we are continuing reading The Windrush Child. We are writing from the point of view of Leonard (our main character) – writing a letter to our Dad who has moved to England as part of the Windrush generation. In Math's, we have been calculating opposite angles and missing angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and shapes with other numbered sides.

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 28 th May 2021	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 7 th June 2021	School Opens
Friday 18th June 2021	Training Day- No children in School
Tuesday 27 th July 2021	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th September 2021	School Opens

School Uniform

Please complete and return this short questionnaire to school, children can hand it in to the class.

1) Do you think children should wear school uniform? Yes () No ()

2) We have tried to make the uniform requirements as simple as possible with no logo so parents can purchase it at local supermarkets, which are more affordable. Do you agree this is a good idea?

Yes () No ()

3) Do you have any suggestions for what the uniform should be?

4) Do you think there should be a policy about footwear? Yes () No ()

If so what? _____

5) Are you happy for children to continue wearing their PE kit on days they have PE? Yes () No ()

Any other comments?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this. We value your opinions and we plan to consult with you more next year.