

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

17th June 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Reminder:

Here are the rules regarding testing, if you have any questions please ask.

“Get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). The test you need depends on why you're getting tested.

The 2 main tests are:

- PCR tests – mainly for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked
- **rapid lateral flow tests – only for people who do not have symptoms**, they give a result in 30 minutes

Both tests are free.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 – you must have a PCR test

If you have any of these symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You and anyone you live with should stay at home until you get your test result. Only leave your home to have a test. Anyone in your childcare or support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.”

IMPORTANT - Over this weekend if your child has a positive COVID test please contact school either using the COVID email: covidtesting@stbartsleeds.org.uk or by calling Mrs Wainwright on **07926128159**. This is essential in order for us to take quick action and inform any parents that their children need to isolate. The current guidance is that we continue to close a bubble if a child or teacher in that class has a positive result.

Punctuality in Nursery

Children in nursery must be on time. The session in the afternoon starts at 12.30pm and their doors close at 12.35pm. After that, you must report to the office. This will mean you waiting there with your child until someone is available to take them to Nursery. This is inconvenient for you and the school but more importantly means your child missing the start of the session and sometimes causing them to become upset having to go with unfamiliar staff through the school building.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE HERE ON TIME. THANK YOU

Hot Weather – Drinks in school

We know that children need to drink during the day and especially in hot weather. A number of parents have asked if children can bring their own drink/water to school. This is not possible as we have over 600 children and managing this would be impossible. The only drink allowed during the school day is water and we provide this for all children. Every child has a school bottle and this is refilled as needed with fresh drinking water. Children can only bring their own drink if agreed with school for medical reasons, please see Mrs Wainwright if you want to discuss this.

EU settlement scheme

The closing date for applications is the 30th June – please ask if you still need help for this for your family.

Advice Drop INS

Every Tuesday, a member of the team from New Wortley Community Center will be delivering a drop in session for any parent wanting support around housing, benefits, mental health and wellbeing, how to get involved in activities at the Community Centre etc. sessions will run 2-3pm no appointments necessary, just drop in for a chat. These sessions are held at St Bartholomew's CE Primary School.



Summer Events

Sadly, due to the extension of the restrictions we cannot go ahead with our planned events.

Parents Consultation – You will receive an end of year written report about your child on Friday 9th July. This will include their class details for next year. (The exciting bit for children) As we cannot invite you to school as planned, there will be an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher via telephone if you have any questions about your child's annual report. We will send details about this with the report.

New reception meeting – You have already received information from school about your child starting reception in September. In addition, now we cannot hold the meeting on the 7th of July as planned you will receive more information from our reception team in the near future.

NHS Big Tea – We were hoping to have a café for parents on the 5th of July to join the national celebrations for the NHS and their work during the pandemic. Instead, we are going to serve drinks and cakes to the children in school on the 5th July. We will be asking for a donation on that day of £1, this should be sent to class on the day. **Thank you**

Sports Days – This year the children will take part in traditional sports day activities with their class. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents but we will put pictures of them on the website so you can see the fun they had.

End of year celebrations – Every class will have a class party/celebration during the last day of term, Tuesday 27th July. Please do not send anything in for this as the school will provide all the refreshments.

I am sorry that these events are, once again affected by the current situation and I am sure this time last year we were saying things would return to normal next year but as we all know sadly this is not the case, I cross my fingers for next year! However, we are a large school and have gone to great lengths to keep our class bubbles separate throughout this pandemic, including at breaks and lunchtimes to keep your children as safe as possible and ensure we sent as few children home as possible and managing larger events is not possible.

School Dates:

Friday 18th June 2021

Tuesday 27th July 2021

Monday 6th September 2021

Training Day- No children in School

School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm

School Opens

We break up on Tuesday 27th July not Friday 23rd July and we expect all children to be in school.

After School Club closes at 5pm on Tuesday 27th July the last day of term, please can you collect your child as soon as possible. Thank you.

Training days dates for next year 2021-2022 – the school will be closed for children on these days.

12th November 2021

3rd December 2021

28th January 2022

17th June 2022

15th July 2022