

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

25th June 2021

Parent survey

It has been a very difficult 18 months for us all and we have tried our best to support our children and families through the pandemic but we still want to look at where and how we can improve moving into the new school year. To help with this we would like your views. Next week we will be sending out a survey and we would appreciate it if you could complete it and return it to school. You can hand it to a member of staff or send it to class.

Alternatively, you can complete the survey online if you would prefer. Use the link below.

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/LoZXnXpBA>

COVID guidelines

As it currently stands there are still restrictions and rules we expect parents to follow. These include social distancing and wearing masks in the school grounds and we would appreciate your support with this.

Punctuality

It is vital that children are at school on time so they are here for morning reading and are ready for the first lesson. Missing the start of a lesson affects how well the children learn and can be distressing for the child having to walk in to a lesson that has already started. It is also difficult for us to have to take children who are late to class, the office staff are busy and all the other staff are with the children. If your child arrives late, it could also count as an absence on your child's attendance certificate.

Mixed Classes

As the numbers of children reduce in school due to Leeds changing us to a two-from entry school, we are making some changes to the organisation of classes to ensure we maintain the high quality of education and because of the budget implications of having less children in school. We will be having mixed classes across Years 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 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 be moving to a phased approach with two year groups working 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.

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 help us prepare for only taking 60 children into Reception from September 2021. We already have over 30 per session for autumn and we will have to set up a waiting list once numbers reach 39. If you want a place for your child in Nursery and they will be three by September, please ask at the office. If they are three after September, you can complete the form and we will offer you a place when they are three if a place is available.

Play scheme

We will be sending letters out for the two weeks in summer next Wednesday, please look out for them. **Places are very limited** and are to support parents who need child care for their children and have no other options.

Head lice

All schools have issues with head lice and it is very upsetting for the children and parents. The only way to help reduce the problem is for parents to regularly check their child's hair and treat it if necessary. Local chemists can support with this. We are sending out a leaflet to help with this and if you want a comb please come to the office and we will provide them free of charge. We would appreciate if all parents could support us with this. Thank you

Something new Mrs Wainwright learned this week

Two children in Class 3, Charis and Kemdiche taught me about some of the prefixes and suffixes they have been using in their English work. I have put their work in the 'Amazing Work' book.



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: Ahmed

Class 1: Ayesha

Class 2: Damiloo

Class 3: Marcel

Class 4: Esme

Class 5: Aayana

Class 6: Anayah

Class 7: Andrea

Class 8: Darasimi

Class 9: David

Class 10: Ayaan

Class 11: Sonny

Class 12: King David

Class 13: Julia

Class 14: Nayara

Class 15: Matthew

Class 16: Michal

Class 17: Jenson

Class 18: Isa

Class 19: Skylah

Class 20: Eman

Class 21: Kevin

Best Classes in School

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

KS1 – Class 8

KS2 – Class 17

Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 6

KS2- Class 11



Weekly Round-Up

Nursery- Another great week in Nursery. This week we have been reading the series of books about The Wonky Donkey and his family. We now know that he has a daughter who is the Dinky Donkey and she has a grandma called The Grinny Granny Donkey. The children have loved the rhyming in the stories, whilst the teachers have tongued tied themselves with phrases like 'She was a plunky-plinky, swanky, clinky-clanky, zonky, dunky-drinky, clunky donkey! We have made masks and head dresses, we have written and drawn pictures about the Wonky Donkey family and made new glasses for Grinny Granny. Photographs on the website. I have searched for free activities that you might fancy doing, especially if the weather is good. <http://www.leedsowltrail.com/> This is an owl spotting trail around town. This is the link to the map that helps find the owls <http://www.leedsowltrail.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/LeedsOwlTrailV7Copyright2014.pdf> Golden Acre park is a lovely place for a walk/picnic. Golden Acre Park, Otley Road, Bramhope, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS16 8BQ. The X84 bus takes you there from the city centre.

Reception- This week in Reception we have been enjoying a new story called 'The way back home' about a little boy who befriends an alien when they both crash their spaceships on the moon. We have made our own story map and written our own stories about a space adventure we would like to go on. In Maths, we have been finding out about Odd and Even numbers and creating houses to place on the odd or even side of the street. Can we please remind all children to bring their book bags back to school every day and to return their letters about profiles.

Year 1- This week in Year 1 the children have enjoyed continuing to learn about The Lion King. They have used the prefix un to describe the character Scar and then compare him to Mufasa. In Maths the children have been learning about place value and counting to 100.

Year 2- This week we worked on developing our sprinting skills in P.E. We have also learnt about the stories of creation in the bible and the Qur'an and compared these in R.E. In Art we enjoyed making collaged sun catchers using tissue paper and laminate.

Year 3 – We have been learning about spells and instructions in English. We have created spells as a group and designed our own spell about a dragon. In Maths we have continued with our fractions work, adding and subtracting fractions, finding equivalent fractions and using them in word problems. In Geography we have been looking at the locality of Armley and where in Armley would make a suitable place for a playground. We have researched the green spaces in the area, chosen a space, measured the land required and investigated traffic and routes. Year 3 have really enjoyed the research.

Year 4- We have been reading 'Scooby Doo' mystery stories to help us see how we can build tension in a piece of writing. We have then started to plan our own. In Maths, we have been finding lines of symmetry in shapes and in DT, we have made 'Canopic Jars' out of clay. These were used in Ancient Egyptian times to store organs in! Ours had to carefully match a design brief to ensure they were fit for purpose. In PE, we have started athletics.

Year 5- We have been planning and writing our own Greek myths based around the Greek Gods we have been learning about over the last few weeks. In our swimming this week, we learnt about the importance of being safe in water and how we could help rescue somebody who got into danger in the water. In Maths we have been learning about angles and how to use a protractor.

Year 6- Lessons: In RE, we have been learning about King David, who founded Jerusalem and wrote most of the Psalms in the Bible. We have also created some artwork based on the Christian artist Hannah Dunnett. In Maths, Year 6 have been studying the differences between the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and how to use our knowledge of factors to work out the answers to word problems. **Transition:** Mr Needham is still communicating with high schools regarding transition. This will be an important process so that the transition to high school is a smooth one. Any questions regarding transition, please contact school and ask to speak to Mr Needham.

School Dates:

Tuesday 27th July 2021

School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm

Monday 6th September 2021

School Opens

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

12th November

3rd December

28th January

17th June

15th July