

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

9th July 2021

REPORTS

Today you will receive your child's annual report, unless your children are isolating and we will give them to you on their return. This includes your child's class teacher for September, the important part for your children! We do not hold a parents consultation this term but if you have any questions about their report please complete the form and return it to school.

Parent Feedback

Thank you to all of you who completed and returned the parent questionnaires, we had a great response. Over summer, we will do a more detailed analysis but I have noticed one main area to develop so far. This is about the homework your children receive, some parents feeling it was not sufficient or challenging enough and it was not consistently set this year. We have already started discussing this in school and we will improve this next year. However, it has been a difficult year, teachers have had to prepare lessons, trying to address any gaps from when schools were closed, and every teacher has had children isolating on an almost weekly basis and has had to provide additional work for them to do at home.

Milk

On Friday 16th July, children who will be in years 1 to 6 in September will receive letters about milk in the autumn term. Please make sure you return this by the deadline. We will not be able to accept any late letters.

Free School Meals over the Summer Holidays

We have been informed this week that children who are entitled to benefits free school meals will be eligible for support over the summer holidays. School can decide whether to provide weekly hampers or vouchers. We will send a letter out with further information in the near future.

The National Changes

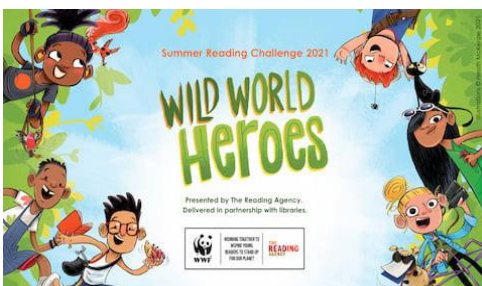
As you know, there have been some very important announcements from the government about the changes that are coming into place over the next month. These will have significant implications for all our lives and for schools and will allow us to return to some kind of normal (if we can remember what that is!) We are still waiting for further details from the government and Leeds so we ask that you bear with us for the rest of this term. It will be too late for us to make changes this term and we intend to have a fresh start in the new term. I appreciate your continued support over what has been the most challenging time for schools since I started teaching, which is a long time ago. We will update you over the next few weeks so we are all ready to start the new school year and move forward from these difficult 18 months. We have a lot of learning and fun to catch up with!

This year children can still join in the reading challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is back in 2021! More important than ever, it **gets children reading over the long summer**, while having fun.

This year's theme is Wild World Heroes – a group of friends making their town even better for the people and animals that live there.



Wild World Heroes will feature **amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment**. The challenge is open to all children and is **completely FREE!** Once you sign up, **read six books over the summer holidays** and collect a **prize for each one from the library**. If you complete the challenge, you'll collect a certificate and a gold medal!

The challenge opens with a Sign Up Saturday event on the 10th July. To sign up, just visit your local library.

Opening and Closing Times September

As the restrictions lift, we are moving back to our previous school times. Please see the table below.

ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 8.50AM

It is vital children come to school on time, registration is at 8.50am and lessons will start at 9am. It is very difficult for children when they miss the start of a lesson and it can have a serious impact on their progress and wellbeing.

Start of the Day - 8.30-8.50am	End of the day	
Reception/Years 1/2 Own classroom doors - Class 4 through Class 6 Years 3/4 Side entrance near Nursery Year 5/6 Side entrance in back playground – Class 19 Corridor door outside classroom	Time	Exit
	11.30am	AM Nursery back entrance
	3.30pm	Nursery – back entrance
	3.15-3.25pm	Reception/Years 1/2 own classroom doors - Class 4 through Class 6
Nursery – Back entrance 8.30am Morning session 12.30pm Afternoon session	3.20pm	Years 3/4 Classes 9 & 10 Nursery playground Classes 11, 12 & 13 Train Playground
	3.25pm	Year 5 side entrance in back playground Year 6 Class 17 and 18 hall doors Class 19 corridor door outside classroom

Nursery sessions start at 8.30am and 12.30pm

Breakfast and After School Club

We have many more people wanting a place than we have places, parents who need childcare are a priority. If you are not successful or you returned the letters late, we will place your child's name on the waiting list. Unfortunately, we must comply with strict staff ratios and we cannot take any more children. Please be aware places that are booked and not used regularly or regular late payments will result in your child's place being withdrawn and the place being offered to someone else.

We try our best to support as many families as possible.

NHS Big Tea Event

Thank you to all of you who contributed to our NHS Big Tea Event. We raised £250.

Something New Mrs Wainwright Learned this Week

Jordan in Class 5 came to my office to show me his amazing work and he taught me some actions to help children remember when to put a full stop and exclamation mark. Well done Jordan!

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 3: Amenah

Class 4: Jeje

Class 5: Antonia

Class 6: Ojie

Class 7: Zayn

Class 8: Oscar

Class 9: Cherish

Class 10: Sebastian

Class 11: Hithesh

Class 12: Daniel

Class 13: T-Jay

Class 15: Faith

Class 17: Malvin

Class 19: Joyous

Class 20: Alisha

Class 21: Ella

Best Classes in School

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

KS1 – Class 4

KS2 – Class 20

Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 6

KS2- Class 11



Weekly Round-Up

Nursery - This week in Nursery we have been travelling by train, our flotilla of boats have made way for a long intercity train. The children have enjoyed going on train adventures. We have read the story The Train Ride by June Crebbin. This link takes you to the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QigFOZcZVdg>

FREE Forest school sessions for Dads & pre-school children hosted by Leeds Dads and Tiny Outdoor Explorers <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leeds-dads-forest-school-tickets-161087901249>

Year 1- This week Year 1 have enjoyed learning about materials and their properties in Science. In Music, they have continued to look at rhythm and beat along with learning and singing songs.

Year 2- This week we have done some brilliant work in Computing, creating a presentation about the seaside. In English, we have enjoyed writing a non-chronological report about the seaside too. We have also had great fun in P.E developing our agility and really enjoyed playing a game in which we had to run and touch coloured spots in the correct order!

Year 3 – This week we have been reading The Dragon Machine. We have thought about how a lonely boy named George managed to save a group of dragons and save himself in the process. We have been ordering the story and writing a summary while planning to re-write the story adding detail to it through clauses. In Maths we have moved onto capacity in measures, looking at scales used, comparing and ordering amounts and adding and subtracting amounts. In geography we have used 4 figure co-ordinates while looking at map work and used simple scales to plan a new playground for the local area.

Year 4- This week in English, we have continued to read Egyptian mystery stories. After looking at how to build tension in our writing, we have been writing our own mystery stories and practising reading this aloud to a partner. In Maths, we have been revising fractions from earlier in the year, as lots of us found them challenging. In our design technology lessons, we have finished making our canopic jars. We have evaluated how effective they were when looking at our original design brief. We have also enjoyed investigating how King Tutankhamen may have died!

Year 5- This week in Year 5, the children have started to learn about play-scripts, the children have had the chance to write their own play-scripts and act them out in front of the class, which the children really enjoyed. In Maths, the children have completed some end of year assessments, which will help to inform next year's planning. In Science, the children had a special visitor, who could answer questions about old age, which they found interesting.

Year 6- Lessons: In RE, we have been learning about how the prophet Jonah tried running away from God! We then wrote text messages of conversations God and Jonah may have had. In Math's, we have completed work on ratio and proportion. We can see how these link to what we know about fractions and solving real-life problems, such as quantities of ingredients or materials. In English, we are writing about our best memories from our time at St Bart's.

Transition: 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

