

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

## **11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Welcome back to everyone, it has been fantastic to have all the children back in school. The children have settled well into the routines and especially to learning. I am very proud of them, as you should be. They have managed brilliantly with all that has happened in the last year. However, we all have bad days and struggle sometimes with what life throws our way and we are here to help if any of our children are struggling, this includes their mental health and wellbeing or their learning. Please contact school if you have any concerns.

### **Reminders:**

- All parents/adults must wear a facemask when on the school site.
- You must keep to the social distancing rules on the school grounds, we have staggered start and end times and all the gates are open to support this
- Children must be here and collected at the end of the day on time. This is to prevent children from different bubbles waiting at the office and having to be taken through school.
- Attendance is now compulsory and the normal procedures apply, please contact school to inform us if your child is not going to be attending school.

If your child or anyone in your house has symptoms, you must book a test for that person and you must all isolate. If the test result comes back negative you can all finish isolating and if well enough return to school. If positive, you will need to continue isolating for 10 days.

### **IT IS VITAL THAT CHILDREN DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE OR LIVE WITH ANYONE WHO HAS SYMPTOMS OR WHO IS POSITIVE.**

We expect all parents to follow the school's expectations and procedures and all national guidance and rules. This is to keep our children, families and staff as safe as possible and to hopefully, prevent us having to close bubbles or another closure of school.

If your child needs to isolate due to COVID we will provide work, if you need support with computers during this time we can help. Just ask.

We can also order a food hamper from Leeds Catering if your child receives benefits related free school meals. If you need to contact school over the weekend about a positive case, please use the contact details below for Mrs Wainwright. **Tel: 07926128159** **Email: [covidtesting@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:covidtesting@stbartsleeds.org.uk)**

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

This year we are going to keep this event as simple as possible and we do not want to add to the pressure many of you are under by asking for costly costumes. We do still however want to support this charity event. We are asking that for a contribution of £1 children come to school in red, this could include their uniform or they can come in non-uniform, this could include any costumes they already have (recycling) Please do not buy new ones. If they have a red nose, they can wear that but again this is not necessary. The children will be also participating in a joke competition; if you want to help them prepare for this at home please do so. The £1 should be given to the class teacher on the day, thank you.



## **Weekly Round-Up**

**Nursery-** Oh, it is wonderful to have all the children back in Nursery. At the moment our topics are Dinosaurs and Pirates. We are reading fiction and non-fiction books about dinosaurs and pirates and finding out about how they lived, where they lived and the adventures they might have had. The children are loving looking at all the non-fiction dinosaur books and recognising and naming all the different ones. We have discovered that some dinosaurs only eat meat whilst others only eat plants. The T-Rex is a favourite dinosaur, with all children recognising him and roaring just like he would have done. Next week we are on the high seas, looking for treasure using some pirate treasure maps.

**Reception-** This week very pleased to welcome back all our children. Our new topic is in the garden. We have had lots of fun this week learning about caterpillars, butterflies and reading stories about mini beasts. We have also been learning number bonds to 10 in Maths.

**Year 1-** The teachers are very proud of all the children in year 1 for how well they have settled back in to school. We have enjoyed learning about traditional tales. We have also enjoyed taking part in Science Week and learning about plants. The children planted their own beans like Jack and the Beanstalk. We look forward to looking after them and watching them grow.

**Year 2-** This week we have enjoyed carrying out several experiments with eggs as part of Science Week, including trying to make a bouncy egg! We have begun to look at maps in Geography and learnt about compass points this week. In Mathematics we are continuing our work on multiplication and division. Please help us practise counting in twos and fives from zero to one hundred at home.

**Year 3 -** This week, Year 3 have been recapping some work on time that we did at home. We are covering all of the areas we found tricky when not in school. We have been reading a book called 'The Tunnel' and have been writing diaries in role as one of the characters. In PSHE, we have been looking at cooperation and working in teams - this helped us when we worked in small groups to create a tower made out of spaghetti and marshmallows for our Science Week enrichment.

**Year 4-** This week, Year 4 have been reading a book called 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We have then started writing a leaflet about deforestation in rainforests. In Maths, we have been building upon the great work we did at home on fractions and applying it to some new work on decimals. After months of not being able to play out as much, we have had great fun running around learning some new netball skills in PE. We have also loved some of the Science Week activities we have completed, especially creating a volcano!

**Year 5-** Have settled back into school life really well this week; we are very happy to see them back in school! This week, we have started to learn about balanced arguments and their key features. We have enjoyed taking part in Science Week where we have built a replica of the Eiffel Tower using marshmallows and spaghetti, which was lots of fun and very sticky. We have also taken part in lots of other activities.

**Year 6-** It has been lovely to see all Year 6 children return to school with smiling faces! In RE, children have enjoyed learning about the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. In Maths, children have recapped over addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions. In English, children completed work on semi-colons and enjoyed investigating words in context. For Science Week, children enjoyed completing fun investigations and taking part in a virtual falcon workshop.

### **Something New Mrs Wainwright Learned This Week**

I have seen many children across school this week completing science week challenges and have been impressed. Lily in year 6 has been explaining to me about the structures she has made. I learnt about bridges, joins and how you can create a solid structure.

### **Headteachers Awards – What a great start back at school!**

*Rec Raheim*

*Year 1 Casper*

*Year 2 Eesa*

*Year 3 Shamas*

*Year 4 Samantha*

*Year 5 Amanda*

*Year 6 Cameron*



### **Best Classes in School**

The children in these classes have worked very hard this week and had a positive attitude and have achieved the most Trackit points. Well done: Make sure you get your extra play time!

KS1 – Class 3

KS2 – Class 16

### **Amazing Attendance**

This week the attendance award goes to Class 18



### **School Dates:**

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Training Day- No Children in School
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	School Opens
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	School Closes for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	School Opens
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School Opens
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	School Closes for Summer Holidays

### **Training Days:**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Finally, if you require any support or need to ask anything please contact school and we will do our best to help you and your children. Everyone needs help sometimes.**