



Welcome to a new year at St Bart's

It is lovely to see all the children back after the summer holiday and fantastic to see them looking so smart in their school uniforms. It is great to be starting the new school year with so many happy children, who are ready to learn and enjoy school.

On Friday, you will receive a 'Quick Guide' about your child's new year group. This will have information about the staff, lessons and other important things you need to know. If you have any further questions, please ask.

Our School Priorities

This year we will be continuing with our school priorities, which focus on English (especially reading, phonics and comprehension), The Curriculum (teaching and learning), Inclusion (making sure all children can access the lessons and achieve their best), Wellbeing (for children, staff and parents) and Worship (making sure children are involved as much as possible)

All our work is underpinned by our school vision.

Our Christian Vision



Believe Achieve Respect Together Succeed

B – We **believe** we will flourish in God's family.

A – We know that everyone in St Bart's can **achieve**.

R – We **respect** everyone in our family.

T – **Together** we support and help each other.

S – As part of God's family we support everybody to **succeed**.

Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey we sent out in July. We will put the detailed results on our website, but overall the feedback was very positive. However, there are always things we can do to improve and over the next year, we will be working on improving the two areas that you identified as needing improvement. These were homework and feedback to parents. Before the end of this half term, I hope to ask a small group of parents to form a parents' forum so these areas can be explored further. This is something we wanted to start before but unfortunately, COVID delayed our plans.



School Lunches

We have returned to serving a full menu in the dining corridor. This has been an experience for us all this week as many of our younger children have not had lunches like this before and those who have cannot remember. It has taken longer than usual but we are getting there. The menus are available on the website and are discussed with the children in a morning. If you would like your child to move to school dinners please ask at the office.

Please remember once your child moves to year 3 you need to pay for dinners if they are not eligible to free school meals. If you think you may be able to claim for these ask at the office for a form.

If your child is in years 3-6 and you pay for school lunches, you must pay on a Monday, by cash to the class or by card at the office. Thank you

COVID restrictions

Though many of the national restrictions have been lifted, schools are still expected to follow very strict guidelines. There are no class bubbles anymore and children in different classes are able to mix at lunch and break times but we are still expected to maintain regular cleaning regimes, focus on hygiene (hand washing/sanitising) and keeping rooms as ventilated as possible. Having all the windows open this week has been great due to the very hot weather but this will change in winter, when we will allow children to wear extra layers. We will keep you updated about this later in the year. The full risk assessment is on our website and will be updated as necessary following government and local guidelines.



Medical Information

It is vital that we have all the medical information to keep your children safe in school. This includes information about any medical conditions, allergies and other relevant information. **If your child needs an inhaler in school you should provide an in date inhaler that they can leave in school.** We returned these to you before the holiday so you could check they were in date. Please make sure they have one in school and that you have signed the inhaler form if you have not already done so.

If your child needs short term medication, this should be taken at home where possible, three times a day can be before school, after school and at bedtime. If it is needed more or at certain times of the day we are happy to help if your child is well enough to be in school. Please see the office for details and to sign the medication in. The most important thing is that if well enough your child should be in school and we will always try to help with this.

Attendance

We expect all children on our school role to attend everyday they should be here, that includes nursery and reception, as these foundation years are where children reach vital milestones and develop good habits to prepare them for their future schooling.

We follow all the guidelines and procedures for absence and this could include serious repercussions, including fining. No holidays will be authorised and only under very special circumstances will leave from school be granted.

Children can only learn and make progress, especially catching up after all the disruption if they are in school. If you need any help or support around attendance, please see Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson.

Punctuality – all children in reception to year 6 must be in school between 8.30am – 8.50am. Registration then takes place and lessons start at 9.00am. Missing the start of a lesson can be very upsetting for children and affects their learning and can disrupt their class.

Nursery children should be in school at 8.30am.

The School Day

We have changed the times of the school day as we come out of the COVID restrictions. From next week, the gates will not be opened until 3.10pm as some parents are coming at 3pm as they did last year and waiting in the playgrounds and this is distracting and upsetting some of the children before home time. Please only come to collect your children at the correct time.

End of the day	
Time	Exit
3.10pm	GATES OPEN
3.15-3.25pm	Reception/Years 1/2 own classroom doors - class 4 through class 6
3.20pm	Years 3 nursery playground
3.20pm	Year 4 Train playground through main entrance
3.25pm	Year 5 side entrance in back playground
3.25pm	Year 6 class 17 and 18 hall doors class 19 corridor door outside classroom
3.30pm	Nursery – back entrances

We appreciate your support with this as it is very difficult managing so many children safely whilst trying to make sure you can pick up all your children from round school as easily as possible.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

We are very pleased to be able to offer such a good value provision and places are in high demand. If you do not need your places anymore please let us know as soon as possible as we may be able to help another family.

If you do not pay on time, we will withdraw your place and offer it to someone else.

Can I remind you that you must pick your children up as early as possible after work/college and we close at 5.45pm Monday to Friday and 5.30pm on a Friday.

Breakfast club doors close at 8.15am, after that you must wait outside with your child until the main doors open at 8.30am.

Speech and Language Therapist

We were sad to say goodbye to Miss Street but are lucky to have Mrs Clegg join us this year. Over the next few weeks she will be getting to know the children who have speech therapy in school and she will be meeting their parents over the first term. If you have concerns about your child please speak to the phase leader for their year group. We are extremely fortunate to have a full time therapist employed by school and the work they do is invaluable.

Annual Data Sheets

Please remember to return the data sheets we sent out this week, **they are very important**, as we must make sure we have the current contact details for your child and other important information. Simply sign and return the sheet if the information is correct or make amendments if necessary and then return it to your child's class teacher.

Health Checks

Over the year the NHS conduct health checks in certain year groups. These are national programmes and are to support your child's wellbeing and identify any problems at an early stage. More information will follow but see below for the dates.

Friday 3rd December 2021

Year 6

Friday 25th March 2022

Reception/Year 6

Monday 25th April 2022

Reception

I hope we all have a great, uninterrupted year and that the children enjoy their time at school.

Please feel free to ask any questions or talk to me if you are concerned about anything or if there is anything we can do to help, if we can we will.
Alternatively, the senior staff are around in the morning and after school and if you would like we can arrange for you to see your child's class teacher.