

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

1st October 2021

Please continue to be vigilant for COVID symptoms, it is still very much part of our lives and we have positive cases in school. We want children in school as much as possible. We all want to get on with life where we can but if you report any of the main symptoms as a reason for your child's absence, we will ask you to seek advice and we may ask you to get your child tested before they return to school. We still provide remote education to any children absent with COVID if they are well enough to work and we can offer technological support.

Please do not ask for work if your child is absent for any other reason, we only provide it for those absent due to COVID.

COVID information

This week we have had 2 cases of COVID in year 6. We continue to follow all the guidance including increased hand washing, enhanced cleaning. Please see our website for the full risk assessment. If you have any questions please ask.

What I have learned this week



This week a group of year 4 children visited my office to measure sound. I learned about decibels and they were lucky to listen to my favourite music.

What is happening at St Barts? - Website and Twitter

Please check our website and twitter page for what is happening in school, every week different classes put pictures to show what they have been learning in school.

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 13**



Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 6

KS2- Class 11



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 assembly. Well done!

Class 1 Amira

Class 2 Aaliyah

Class 3 Jeremiah

Class 4 Ayesha

Class 5 Cody

Class 6 Duaa

Class 7 Finn

Class 8 Christian

Class 11 Lydia

Class 12 Teagan

Class 13 Malaqa

Class 14 Mazen

Class 15 Rene

Class 16 Shantelle

Class 17 Chelsea

Class 18 Husna

Class 19 Sheryl

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – We will be reading the books *The Blue Balloon* and *Where are you Blue Kangaroo* next week. I have given you the links so that you can listen to the stories at home, there is the added bonus that it is read by Dawn French and the other by Joanna Lumley. There is a series of books about *Blue Kangaroo* and *Lily*, which are excellent stories to either read or watch on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yw9Ro1LhEEw>

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The squirrels got to the conkers before me at the weekend so I am off looking for some more this weekend. Thank you to Oliver for bringing in what he found at the weekend. Please if you are out and about could you collect conkers, acorns and beautifully coloured leaves.

Meanwood Urban Farm has been receiving some great reviews, so it might be a place to visit. Admission fees are £2.50 for adults and 50p for children, under 2 years old free.

Reception - This week in Reception we have enjoyed performing the story Goldilocks using a story map and actions. Next week we will be trying porridge with lots of different toppings! There has been lots of interest in emergency vehicles in Reception and we have worked hard to create our own vehicles in the box modelling area. There has been lots of singing in Reception and we are working hard to learn our harvest songs. Look out for our goldilocks videos on the website next week.

Year 1 – We have enjoyed a local walk around Armley this week as part of their Geography topic. They spotted local places and then wrote a list about them in English. Next week the children will be making their own maps. In Maths, the children have been ordering numbers and looking at missing numbers. In Reading, the children have been enjoying reading the story, Funny Bones.

Year 2 – We will be continuing to write about castles in literacy, using adjectives and nouns to describe them. Ask them to show you the actions we have created. In Maths we will be finishing off our place value work by counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to get us ready for learning our times tables. In computing we have learnt to log on using our own user name and password and are learning about the basics of programming through a programme called Scratch.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been reading biographies and have been building up to writing one about Charles Dickens, the author of 'Oliver Twist'. In Science, we have been on a sound hunt around school to identify quiet and loud places. We have measured this using a decibel meter which measures sounds. In our Victorian topic, we have been looking at inventions and placing them on a timeline. During French lessons, Year 3 have been looking at ways to greet people and Year 4 have been naming body parts. You will have now received a letter about our upcoming trip to Armley Mills. Please ensure this letter and the £2 contribution are sent to school as soon as possible.

Year 5 - This week in Year 5, we have been looking at how flashbacks can make a story even more interesting. We have looked at the key features of flashbacks and used the story of 'I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic' to create our own flashbacks, whilst in character. In Maths this week, we moved onto adding and subtracting, whilst solving problems. In Art this week, we have continued to learn new skills such as hatching and cross hatching and next week we will create our own masterpieces using all the skills we have acquired over the last four weeks.

Year 6 – In English, we have enjoyed looking at the career of Tom Palmer and reading some of his books. We also enjoyed listening to Tom talk about his career and his passion for writing. In Maths, we have looked at multiplying numbers and completing work on negative numbers. In Science, we completed our 'heart' models explaining how the heart works.

High School Applications

The deadline for high school applications is the 31st of October. Please ring school and ask to speak to Mr Needham if you require assistance in completing the online form.

School Dates:

Friday 22 nd October 2021	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 1 st November 2021	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 17 th December 2021	School Closes for Christmas Break at 3.30pm
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	School opens at 8.30am

Training Days 2021-2022

Friday 12th November 2021
Friday 28th January 2022
Friday 17th June 2022
Monday 25th July 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022