

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

8th October 2021



Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school (hopefully not) you must call the office before 8.30am. This allows the office to let the teacher know before the start of the day when the teacher and support staff are with the children and it means you will not get a call from class. After 8.30am the office are busy, on a Monday they are collecting payments and this process is delayed when they have to keep answering the phone. If you do not call before 8.30am, the office may not be able to contact the class and you will get a call from them when they do the register.

You can report an absence by:

- 1) Ringing school on 0113 2639292 before 8.30am
- 2) Sending a text to 0113 3200498 with your child's name class and details of illness.
- 3) On the school website by clicking on the box absence reporting

PE kit

We are continuing to ask children to come to school in their kit on the days they have PE/swimming. This was originally a COVID measure. We have kept this rule as it means children do not miss time changing before and after the lesson and get more time physically active. The expectation is they come in black/grey leggings/tracksuit bottoms/shorts and a plain red or white t-shirt. In cooler weather they can wear a red/black hoodie or tracksuit top.

Pack Lunches - URGENT

If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure there are no nuts or nut products in it. This is vital as we do have several children across school with nut allergies and exposure to nuts in anyway could make them very ill. Your child must bring their lunchbox to class with them when they arrive in school on a morning.

School Lunch Menus

The menus are published on our website and you could help your child by looking at them and discussing the options they like and may want to choose each day. The teachers do explain the menus but if you know your child may need a little extra help with this please have a look on our website. Thank you

Nursery Places

We offer 3 year olds a 15 hours place in our wonderful Nursery. If you would like to register your child for a place, please ask at the school office. We only have 39 places in each session and once we are full, we will not be able to offer a place even if they have a sibling in our school.

Parent Consultation

Thank you to all those families who returned our survey about parent consultations.

Response	Number
Telephone	47
Face-to-face	26
Either	4

Three parents did ask about virtual meetings, this is something that we will now look into for the future but is not something we are offering this time. Following your feedback, we have decided to try to support, as many parents as possible and will be offering both face-to-face and telephone consultations. This will be after half term and we will send more information out in a separate letter in the first week back.

Data Sheets

We sent out a data sheet for each child when we returned to school in September. This is something we will be doing annually just so we have up to date information. We will presume all the information was accurate if the forms are not returned by 13th October. If you need another copy, please ask at the office.

If any information changes over the year, for example you get a new phone number please let us know, as it is vital we can get in touch with you and it is a safeguarding requirement that we have two numbers for each child.

COVID Update

The numbers of cases are still high across schools in England. We have had 7 new confirmed cases this week. We are doing all we can in school to help reduce the spread of this infection and ask that you are vigilant and take anyone with symptoms for a test. If you are unsure, please call 111 or 119 for advice. Anyone testing positive at home on a LFT MUST go and get a PCR test. You must keep us informed of any test results. Thank you

Black History Month

For our final week of this half term, we will be celebrating Black History Month and the wonderful, diverse nature of our school community. In each year group, children will be focusing on a different aspect of black history so all our children have a well-rounded and international view of the importance of black culture. We have planned many exciting opportunities for this week, including many dance and music workshops for the children to take part in. We hope they enjoy these experiences with our visitors. We would welcome any parents/guardians or brave relatives who have stories or tales to share about their own experiences, such as The Windrush Generation, West Indian Carnival or any other cultural stories they would like to share with our pupils. If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs Martin or Mrs Smith who are in Year 5 or Year 6.

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 6** **KS2 – Class 14**



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 Michelle

Class 2 Hareem

Class 3 Aroush

Class 4 Gabriel

Class 5 Riley

Class 6 Hafsa

Class 7 Phay'zer

Class 8 Jamie

Class 9 Zainab

Class 10 Damian

Class 11 Ava

Class 14 Hawwa

Class 15 Aqil

Class 16 Zara

Class 17 Sahil

Class 18 Neel

Class 19 Xander

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – Another busy week in Nursery, we have been exploring the properties of balloons- there are a few pictures on the website showing us printing with them. We have enjoyed reading Blue Balloon. The children loved it when we followed the boy's idea of blowing the balloon as big as it could get without bursting and then letting it go so that it could whiz around. We are welcoming and celebrating Autumn over the next couple of weeks. We are using the book Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn which beautifully illustrates the changing seasons. The book is in a series that we will be reading over the year, as one season ends and the next begins. I am giving you a link to 21 Glorious Leeds Woodlands that might be worth a visit, I have been to many of them and will be exploring the ones on the list I haven't been to. If you do go out and about please could you collect some leaves, acorns and conkers, thank you. <https://leeds-list.com/culture/21-glorious-leeds-woodlands-on-your-doorstep/>

Reception - In Reception this week we have enjoyed talking about the change in the seasons and have enjoyed looking at the objects and items that have been brought in so far from your weekend adventures. Next week we will be creating leaf pictures so please continue to collect any dry leaves that have fallen from the trees (fingers crossed we will have a dry weekend) This week was mental health week and we have enjoyed taking part in mindfulness activities such as yoga and talking about what makes us feel happy.

Year 1 – This week the children have been writing super sentences about our local walk. They have described the post office using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In Maths, the children have been using the whole part model to add 2 numbers together.

Year 2 – Year 2 have started reading Rapunzel in English, they have started asking the wicked witch questions and have been writing statements about her. In Maths we have been using our number bond knowledge and applying it in different situations. In PSHE the children have been learning about friendship, as it is mental health week and Hello Yellow Day the children have been doing daily mindfulness activities and created friendship bracelets.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Year 3 and Year 4 have continued to read biographies in English. We are looking closely at the features and example texts to develop our understanding. In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction and looking at methods we can use. In Art, we have enjoyed using oil pastels to add colour to an L.S. Lowry picture. As this week is mental health week, we have been discussing ways to keep ourselves emotionally well and doing things to help us relax, such as mindful colouring. If you haven't already returned your trip letter and money for Armley Mills, can this be done as soon as possible as the trips are starting next week.

Year 5 - This week in Year 5, we have created our final graffiti tag using all the skills we have acquired over the last few weeks. The children have taken part in the Young Minds assembly and completed lessons about how we can deal with different emotions in a healthy way. The children continue to enjoy their swimming lessons and are making fantastic progress and always finish the lesson with a smile on their faces.

Year 6 – In English, we have enjoyed reading Goodnight Mr Tom and investigating the character of Tom using inference. In Maths, we have worked hard on completing division sums with remainders. In History, we have looked at rationing in World War Two and thought hard about how to spend rationing coupons.

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