

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

5th November 2021

Welcome back to a new half term. The run up to Christmas always seems so long, with dark nights and deteriorating weather. I hope it will fly by as the children continue to enjoy school and learning. Please remember children need to be in school every day and on time. The doors close at 8.50am.



Breakfast Bagels -We have been chosen to take part in a project which encourages children to have a healthy breakfast. As part of this we will be providing free bagels to children as they come in to school at the different entrances around school. They will be given on a first come first served basis and will be available between 8.30-8.40am. We do not have an exact delivery date but it will hopefully start sometime next week. The bagels will be served with margarine on.

Please make sure your children are aware if they are not allowed to eat bagels and margarine.

The grant will also be used to contribute to the cost of providing breakfast in our ongoing breakfast club which is heavily subsidised by school.

New Contact Emails – following feedback from parents we have decided to provide year group email addresses, see below. These are for general enquiries and questions and are not to be used to make complaints or to report absences. You must follow the normal procedures for these things. The senior staff will receive these and pass on any information to class teachers. We will trial this to see if it is helpful.

nursery@stbartsleeds.org.uk

reception@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year1year2@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year3year4@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year5year6@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Safeguarding Alert

There is a lot in the media about 'Squid Game' which is not appropriate for primary aged children. We have received alerts from various agencies about this. Please be aware of what your children use or are exposed to as it may be very harmful. Thank you.

Reminders

- There is no play scheme planned over Christmas.
- Those entitled to benefit free school meals were entitled to a £15 Voucher for half term, some of these have still not been collected. Please collect them before Friday 12th November.
- **Uniform exchange** – we do have a small amount of uniform available for you if you need it for your children. We are grateful to parents who do donate their old good quality uniform to school. Please ask if you would like some uniform or if you would like to donate any. Thank you
- We will be around school with poppies next week and other items, please give money to your child for this if you want to donate or purchase something, wristbands £1, Zip Pulls 50p, Poppy Reflectors 50p and Snap Bands £1.50, there is limited stock so your money may be returned if we sell out.

Good bye Mrs Riley

At the end of term we said a sad farewell to Mrs Riley who has supported children at our school for many years. She will be sadly missed and once she has enjoyed some time off I know she will visit us.

Mr Embleton will be leaving us in a few weeks to return to his family in Ireland, we wish them all the best.

Mrs Smith will be moving from Year 5 to Year 6 and a great new teacher will be joining us, details to follow next week.

Miss Le Brocq has returned to help out in Reception to Christmas, it was lovely to see her again.

NEW! St Bart's Facebook

Alongside our website and twitter account, from **Monday 8th November** we will also be posting regular updates on our new school Facebook page.

We will also be regularly posting important information that compliments the weekly newsletter you all receive.

Comments on the posts will be disabled but you will have the ability to like and share as much of the content as you wish. We are aiming to promote all the great work your children do in school along with demonstrating how hard all the staff work to make school as fun and engaging as possible.

It is important to stress that our Facebook account will not be a way to contact school directly. Please continue to call or email school if you wish to discuss anything.



Something Mrs Wainwright learned this week

In the last week of term I was very fortunate to attend a lesson in class 14. They were recapping everything they had learned about the history of the slave trade. I was amazed by their depth of knowledge and understanding of how the people involved would have felt. It is learning like this and the fact our children are so aware of inequalities, including in history that our school with children and staff from so many different countries and backgrounds get on so well and St Bart's is such a lovely place to be. Well done class 14.

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 11**



Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 2

KS2- Class 9



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!



<i>Class 1 Shay</i>	<i>Class 2 Melanie</i>	<i>Class 3 Hamza</i>	<i>Class 4 Aahil</i>	<i>Class 5 Kashish</i>
<i>Class 6 Kevin</i>	<i>Class 7 N'Khia</i>	<i>Class 8 Daniel</i>	<i>Class 9 Justin</i>	<i>Class 10 Agnieszka</i>
<i>Class 11 Shamas</i>	<i>Class 12 Lilly-Rose</i>	<i>Class 13 Samantha</i>	<i>Class 14 Zain</i>	<i>Class 15 Justin</i>
<i>Class 16 Mikael</i>	<i>Class 17 Matthew</i>	<i>Class 18 Habib</i>	<i>Class 19 Mia W</i>	

Weekly Round Up

Reception –In Reception this week there has been lots of discussion about why there are lights in the sky. We have talked about the celebrations of Bonfire Night, Diwali and The Festival of Light. We have enjoyed creating firework pictures using lots of glitter and have been thinking about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. Next week we will continue to talk about Diwali and are looking forward to hearing about and seeing any photos from children and staff who celebrated this week. We will be reading lots of Julia Donaldson stories this half term and have started learning The Gruffalo using a story map and actions.

Year 2 –Year 2 had an amazing time at Skipton Castle. We went by coach, learnt all about the castle, who lived there and about the different rooms and what they were used for. The children especially liked the castle privy which was above the moat, ask them about it. After lunch the children completed sketches and booklets about the castle before returning home. They really enjoyed themselves and learnt lots.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have been continuing their work on addition and subtraction in Maths, using a range of equipment to help us. In English, we have been starting to read some scary Victorian stories and have been looking at the features to help us write our own over the next few weeks. In History, we have been learning more about Victorian schools, following our trip to Armley Mills before the holiday. We have also been visited by a police officer this week, who has talked about keeping ourselves safe ahead of bonfire night this week.

Year 5 - This week in Year 5, we have started our Geography topic. We started off by looking at OS maps of Leeds and looking at how co-ordinates work and why we need to use them. We enjoyed taking part in the scooter workshop, where we learnt all about being safe whilst out on our scooters. A massive well done to the children who have gone above and beyond with their half term projects, all the teachers have been amazed by some of the work the children have produced and you can see pictures of these on the website.

Year 6 –A big thank-you to all the children who completed amazing work over the half-term break. The effort and quality of work was exemplary. Class 18 have had an amazing week completing Bikeability. Well done to all the children for their efforts. Children in Class 17 will have received a letter detailing when in the week they will be taking part in Bikeability. Class 19 will have Bikeability in the week beginning 15th November. Letters on when children will be taking part will be issued the week before. Eden Camp letters have been handed out - please ensure reply slips are returned. Please check out all the amazing work going on in Year 6 on the school website go to school life then Year 6.

School Dates:

Friday 12 th November 2021	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 17 th December 2021	School Closes for Christmas Break at 3.30pm
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 18 th February 2022	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 28 th February 2022	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 1st April 2022	School Closes for Easter Break at 3.30pm
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	School Opens at 8.30am