

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**This is just a short newsletter to remind you of dates and provide you with a few updates.**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November Mr Callaghan will be taking over in Class 14 and Mrs Smith will be moving to Year 6, Class 19.

Another staffing change will come after Christmas when Miss Christie will be moving to Year 6, Class 17 to take over from Mrs Dixon as she starts to plan for her maternity leave. Miss Le Brocq will be taking over in Class 10. Both teachers will visit their new classes before then.

## **Birthdays**

Unfortunately we are going to have to ask you to stop sending cakes and sweets for your children's birthdays. In school there are an increasing amount of children with different allergies and restrictions on what they can eat, some of these very serious and we are going to be taking part in a new healthy schools initiative starting in the next few months. There are also children whose parents are not in a position to bring things in to celebrate their birthdays and can become upset about this and this causes additional stress for the parent.

We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

## **Packed Lunches**

There are an increasing number of children who are bringing sweets, chocolate and a large amount of cakes/biscuits for their lunch. We do not allow sweets and children should only bring one biscuit/cake bar not several. The main part of their lunch should be a sandwich/crackers/salad/pasta dish and this can be followed by fruit/yoghurt and one biscuit or similar. We will be monitoring this more closely and may speak to you about what is in their lunch. The school, in consultation with parents will be reviewing our packed lunch policy for the spring term.

## **Parent Forum**

I am keen to try to get a group of parents together who can meet with me or other members of the senior leadership team to help gather parent views about different areas of school. This would not be to help govern the school but would be a more informal group. I will be asking over the next few weeks for volunteers to join this group.

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week we will be participating in Anti-Bullying Week. As part of this, we are taking part in Odd Socks Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate how we are all different and unique. Join in by sending your child into school wearing odd socks - the brighter the better!

## **School Dates:**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Training Day- No Children in School**

School Closes for Christmas Break at 3.30pm

School opens at 8.30am

**Training Day- No children in School**

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

School opens at 8.30am

School Closes for Easter Break at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am