

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## URGENT

Please do not be offended when we ask you to pay for breakfast club, afterschool club and dinner money on time. We allocate a Monday for processing all payments and expect these provisions to be paid for on a Monday for the week, or longer if you prefer. The school subsidises all of these provisions, including the cost of lunches and prides itself on its very cheap, affordable childcare. If people continue to pay late, we will have to review what we offer as the time it is taking to chase late payers is affecting the other work of the office staff. It is becoming an increasing problem and from 1<sup>st</sup> November, if you pay late on two occasions, you will lose your place and you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child. May I also remind parents that we have a zero tolerance policy regarding how you speak to and behave towards staff, this is only a few parents but the office staff always try their best and are only following school policies. If you wish to discuss this, please see Mrs Wainwright.

## Payments for the Next Half Term

If you would like to pay for a full half term please find the amounts below:

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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| Dinner Money      | 34 Days          | £68.00  |
| Breakfast Club    | 7 weeks          | £14.00  |
| After School Club | 1 Day X 7 weeks  | £21.00  |
| After School Club | 2 Days X 7 weeks | £42.00  |
| After School Club | 3 Days X 7 weeks | £63.00  |
| After School Club | 4 Days X 7 weeks | £84.00  |
| After School Club | 5 Days x 7 weeks | £105.00 |

Please note that Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November is a Training Day, if you have a Friday in After School Club please deduct £3.00 from the total.

## COVID Update

This term has been a difficult one as cases of COVID continue throughout school. This week we have had two new confirmed cases. We are continuing with our cleaning regimes and other protective measures, we have not yet started mixing year groups for any larger scale activities and Worship and assemblies are still virtual. This will not change over the next term as the situation nationally worsens and case numbers grow. In the run-up to Christmas, we would usually have been planning Christmas events (Fayre, concerts and disco). This year will unfortunately be different again. We will not be holding any large-scale events although we are planning to have a celebration week at the end of term where all children will be involved in different activities (Parties, pantomime and we have some special visitors coming for a day). More information will follow. Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms and if you need advice call 111 or 119. Please keep us informed and be aware we will call you if we are concerned about your child in school.

## Parking

Please be considerate of the people who live around school, **you must not block their driveways**. We have had local residents who have not been able to get out of their driveways and have been late for very important appointments or for collecting their own children. There has also been an increase in incidents outside the main gate where parents are parking on the curb and yellow lines, putting our children and families who walk to school in danger. The police have been informed about this problem and we expect an increased presence and potential fining for illegal parking. This has happened to parents before. I know there is a lack of parking around school but we have to do our best to keep everyone safe.

## Parent's Consultation Evenings

We will send letters out about this in the first week back, please look out for them and check your child's bag.



## Amazing Homework!

Amazing work from Maverick in Year 2, he has made this fantastic mobile showing the planets and has even managed to show that they are different sizes. Well done.

**Poppies**- Will be on sale on a morning outside the office from 8.30am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, or send your child with money in an envelope. Also for sale are 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.



**Best Classes in School**- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 8** **KS2 – Class 10**



**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 Chelsea*

*Class 2 Callum*

*Class 3 Abobaker*

*Class 4 Brandon*

*Class 6 Alissa*

*Class 7 Ayana*

*Class 8 Esme*

*Class 10 Gracious*

*Class 11 Durr E Sameen*

*Class 12 Lilly- Rose*

*Class 13 Hasan*

*Class 14 Daniel*

*Class 15 Hooriyah*

*Class 16 Bright*

*Class 18 Luke*

*Class 19 Lily-Rose*

**Weekly Round Up**

**Year 2** –Year 2 have been comparing Rapunzel and The Paper Bag Princess in their English lessons, using conjunctions to extend sentences. In Maths, Year 2 have been learning how to add 2 digit numbers using column addition and apply this to problems. We have been learning about Black History in theme, thinking what makes us all unique, comparing Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and how they were remembered.

**Year 3 & 4** – This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed studying the lives of black people throughout history. Year 3 have been learning about the Windrush generation and plotting the route they took to get here from the Caribbean countries. Year 4 have looked at important people throughout history, such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. We enjoyed linking our English work on biographies into this week. Across the week, children also took part in a variety of workshops, including African dance, African drumming and playing steel pans.

**Year 5** - This week, in Year 5 the children have been celebrating Black History Month. The children have all taken part in workshops to celebrate Black History and you can see the pictures and videos on the website. The children have found it interesting to learn about the Atlantic Slave Trade and how it was eventually abolished. The children have written some fantastic newspaper reports of the Atlantic Slave Trade, which you will also be able to see on the website. A big well done to the three children who have been asked to take part in a swimming trial for Leeds.

**Year 6** –Class 18 will be the first Year 6 class to take part in Bikeability (week beginning 1st November). Children in Class 18 will have received a letter detailing when in the week they will be taking part in Bikeability. Class 17 will have Bikeability in the week beginning 8th November and 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. Class 17 will continue to attend swimming lessons after the half term break.

**High School Applications**

The deadline for high school applications is the 31st of October. Please make sure applications are completed before this date. Applications can be made online on Leeds.gov.uk.

**School Dates:**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

School Opens at 8.30am

It seems at times the term has been much longer than 7 weeks but we now have a week's holiday before the lead up to the excitement of Christmas. Despite COVID it has been a fantastic start to the year and it has been lovely to see the children ready to learn and enjoying school. We will continue to move back to normality with school visits and making learning as exciting as possible. We look forward to seeing all the children back on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

We wish you and your children a happy half term