

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

26th November 2021

As it comes closer to Christmas we will be busy in school getting ready and the children will be taking part in different activities. Despite the more relaxed rules around COVID nationally we still have to be very careful in school and are doing our best to keep all the children and staff as safe as possible. This means we will not be having full productions or a Christmas Fayre. We will be having a Christmas raffle and tickets will go on sale Monday the 6th December. You will be able to purchase them from the staff on duty outside or children can take their money to class. We will not have change so please have the exact money you want to spend on tickets. More details to follow next week. The children will also be preparing virtual Christmas shows which will go on the website. The final week of the term will be a busy one where there are many activities to ensure the children still have a great time.

Christmas Dinner



Our school Christmas dinner will be on Friday 10th of December. If your child usually has packed lunches and you would like to book this for your child, please take £2 to the office or pay by card. You must do this on or before the 6th December when we have to submit the order to the kitchen.
Please be aware we cannot take late orders.

Bagels

The morning bagels are very popular and we have asked for more to be delivered as we are running out. We apologise for this and will hopefully be able to have more delivered.

Coats

As the weather worsens and gets colder more children are coming in a coat and are wearing jumpers. Please make sure that your child's name is in their clothes, this is vital to help us find items if they go missing, which they sometimes do in a school.



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10th December

During the season of Christmas we will have a Christmas jumper day. We will be raising money for Save The Children so please bring a £1 donation. There will be prizes for the best homemade jumper, the best jumper and the silliest jumper.

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 12**



Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 2

KS2- Class 11



Headteachers Awards – Well done to these children who have had a great week in school.

The teachers in school 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 2 Bobby

Class 3 Yusaf

Class 4 Ethan

Class 5 Aahil

Class 6 Esmee

Class 7 Lincoln

Class 8 Esme

Class 9 Harvey

Class 10 Avah

Class 11 Ava

Class 12 Roni

Class 13 Gabija

Class 14 Isabella

Class 15 Samantha

Class 16 Daniela

Class 17 Ola

Class 18 Colesha

Class 19 Adela

Weekly Round Up

Nursery- This half term seems to be flying by. The children have all loved the story Owl Babies and some have even used a story map to retell the story to others. Our book area is looking lovely with the work the children have done about owls and other nocturnal animals. We have planted bulbs that will hopefully flower next term, we researched which way to put the bulbs into the compost and we are going to water them daily- unless rain beats us to it! We are going to read books about hedgehogs next week- The Very Helpful Hedgehog and It was a Cold Dark Night. This is the link for It was a Cold Dark Night, it is a simple story that is easy to follow.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7g-DuFDyM>

Reception – This week we have enjoyed listening to the story ' The princess and the wizard' by one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. We have enjoyed lots of magical activities including wand making, mark making in glitter and creating potions. In Maths we have been looking at the numbers 4 and 5, one more and one less and looking at all the different ways we can make the amounts. We have enjoyed watching number blocks videos and listening to Maths stories such as Pete's 4 Groovy Buttons and Kipper's Birthday. Following on from our learning about how births are celebrated, this week we have talked a lot about how our Birthdays are celebrated each year. Please upload any birthday photos onto Learning Journals for us to share.

Year 1- Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about the story of Stickman this week. They enjoyed going on a noun walk around the school grounds and also learnt about proper nouns. In Maths, we have had a fun week learning about shapes. The children have been looking at and describing 2D and 3D shapes. They have enjoyed making shape pictures. **Reminder:** Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately on PE days. They can wear leggings, jogging bottoms, a red or white t-shirt and trainers. Please see the allocated PE days on the school website.

Year 2 – Year 2 have started reading Voices In The Park by Anthony Browne in literacy, the children have enjoyed relating to the characters and comparing them using and, but and because. In Maths we have started a unit on money, we have learnt to recognise coins and notes, and have started to make amounts. In Design Technology we have been learning about stable structures and have tested and designed a stable structure based on a castle.

Year 3 & 4 –This week, Year 4 have been starting to look at diaries in our English lessons. We have looked at the features to help us write our own Victorian diaries in the coming weeks. In Maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and division, and have had a big focus on our times tables. By the end of Year 4, we have to know all of our tables up to 12 x 12. In Science, we have started looking at states of matter and developing our understanding of solids, liquids and gases. We enjoyed looking at and creating our own class census in Geography and enjoyed writing sentences about our classrooms (Year 3) and a zoo (Year 4) in French.

Year 5 - In English, children have continued reading scary stories and enjoyed writing and editing their own scary stories. Amazing stories have been written by Year 5 - well done! In Geography, children have investigated icebergs and their structures. Next week, each class will have a HMP not for me day at school. Each class will have a day:
Class 16 on Tuesday 30th November
Class 17 on Wednesday 1st December
Class 14 on Thursday 2nd December

Year 6 – In English, we have continued to look at poetry and investigating author's choice. In Maths, children have enjoyed working on fractions. In PE, Children have thoroughly enjoyed working on dance routines and developing their rugby skills.

School Dates:

Friday 17th December 2021

School Closes for Christmas Break at 3.30pm

Tuesday 4th January 2022

School opens at 8.30am

Friday 28th January 2022

Training Day- No children in School

Friday 18th February 2022

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 28th February 2022

School opens at 8.30am

Friday 1st April 2022

School Closes for Easter Break at 3.30pm

Tuesday 19th April 2022

School Opens at 8.30am