

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**This will be the last newsletter of the year, next week will be a flyer with next year's dates on.**

## **Christmas Activities**



The children will be taking part in a variety of activities next week. These include arts and crafts, class parties, pantomime (Years 1-6), reindeer visit (Nursery – Year 2), church (years 4-6).

Unfortunately these may change or be cancelled due to weather/COVID restrictions as the guidance changes all the time. If you would like your child in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 & 2 to have their picture taken with the reindeers please complete the form and return it to school by Tuesday. If this cannot take place your money will be returned.



## **Christingle**

Father Michael would like to invite you all to the church Christingle on Sunday at 4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult from home. There will be staff joining the service and Mr Leadbeater has a small choir performing. Father Michael and the staff would love to see you and your children there.

**Raffle tickets** - We are still selling raffle tickets, up to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10p a ticket. You can send money to class or buy them from one of the staff outside in a morning. Please have exact money as we do not have change. The draw will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**COVID** - Unfortunately, the national guidelines and those for schools are changing all the time to manage the increase in new COVID cases. We ask that you wear a mask if coming into school and you socially distance where possible. If there are any additional measures that have to be put into place we will keep you informed. We are still working hard in school to keep the children as safe as we can.

**Staff Update** - We have some staff changes taking place from January 2022.

Mrs Parker will be taking over Class 14. She is an established and experienced member of our staff team.

Sadly, Miss Machin is leaving to take on a new challenge, though she will be missed we wish her luck in her new job. Miss McSkimmings is taking over in Class 5. We have a teacher called Miss Schofield who will be working with Mrs Fields in Class 4. She has been working around school since September.

Mrs Biscombe, who already works in Launchpad will also be working in Reception on a Wednesday.

Both Miss Schofield and Mrs Biscombe will also be working with some small groups of children in Years 3 to 6 two days a week.

Change is sometimes difficult but unavoidable and we will support the children with this but it is also exciting and we know the children will enjoy their new teachers. Please see one of the senior staff if you have any questions.

**The phase leaders can also be emailed, see contacts below.**

[nursery@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:nursery@stbartsleeds.org.uk)

[reception@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:reception@stbartsleeds.org.uk)

[year1year2@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:year1year2@stbartsleeds.org.uk)

[year3year4@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:year3year4@stbartsleeds.org.uk)

[year5year6@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:year5year6@stbartsleeds.org.uk)

**After School Club** - We still have parents who are waiting for a place for their child/children, this maybe for individual days or a full week. If you no longer need any of your days please let us know. The club is a provision we provide for parents who need it and relies on staff wanting to work and we have only very limited places. It is very popular because it is convenient and such good value for money compared to all other after school club provisions. This is because school subsidises it. Please also remember that you should collect your children as soon as you finish work and they must be collected on time, this is 5.30pm on a Friday.

**Payments must be made on a Monday and if you are regularly late you will lose your place.**

**Language on school site/towards staff** - Unfortunately, I have recently had staff who have been verbally abused by parents and also complaints from parents about the language some parents use on the school grounds in front of them and their children. Although it is a very small number of parents, it is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated, you will be asked to leave the premises and possibly banned from coming onto school grounds.

**I know that parents can sometimes be unhappy with something in school (I am a parent myself), nothing is ever perfect but please just come to see me or the year group leader and we will address any issues.**

**Packed Lunches** - Next week all children who bring a packed lunch will be coming home with a leaflet. Schools are expected to promote healthy eating and this includes what children bring into school from home. There are guidelines for schools to follow. After Christmas we will be monitoring what the children bring and hopefully we can work together to make all the food in school as healthy as possible. Good habits now promote lifelong habits and healthy eating in childhood will support good adult health.

**Milk** - Reminder all forms and payment need to be returned by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December no late forms will be accepted, thank you.

**Request for Information** - A child was hit by a car on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at roughly 3.30pm. The car involved then left the scene. This happened just at the top of the grass on Hall Lane (near Nisa). There were people there and some came over to check on him. If you have any information could you please send it to the following email- [c.moriarty92@googlemail.com](mailto:c.moriarty92@googlemail.com)

**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 19**



### **Attendance Winners**

This week the attendance award goes to:

**KS1- Class 6**

**KS2- Class 16**



### **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 1 Ayra*

*Class 2 Laelia-Rose*

*Class 3 Mason*

*Class 4 Dorota*

*Class 5 Lauren*

*Class 6 Daisy*

*Class 7 Emily*

*Class 8 Betty*

*Class 9 Elizabeth*

*Class 10 George*

*Class 11 Sarah*

*Class 12 Ben*

*Class 13 David*

*Class 14 Julia*

*Class 15 Myiesha*

*Class 16 Aya*

*Class 17 Hadi*

*Class 18 Nhyira*

*Class 19 Ose*

### **Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery**- We will be having our Christmas Parties on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, please come dressed in your party clothes.

**Reception** –This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning all about the Christmas Story. We have been busy in Santa's Grotto role play area wrapping presents and writing cards. We have worked really hard this half term learning the songs for our concert and have loved dressing up in costumes to perform it this week. Look out for it on the website!

**Year 1**-Year 1 have had a great time in English this week. Continuing our story of Stickman the children carefully followed instructions to make their own Stickman. They looked at bossy verbs and sequencing the instructions in the correct order. In RE the children have been learning about how we celebrate Christmas and the Christmas Story. We have also been working hard on our Christmas song and can't wait to share it with you all.

**Year 2** –In English Year 2 have been researching Anthony Browne and answering questions about his life, ask your children if they can remember anything about him! In Maths we have started to look at grouping for multiplication, using arrays, repeated addition, bar models and times tables. In Geography we have been thinking about what makes a good place to live, the children have planned out a new town and will be building a model of it next week.

**Year 3 & 4** – This week, Years 3 and 4 have been reading the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas' in our English lessons. We have been looking at the vocabulary used in it. We have also been singing Christmas songs ahead of our Christmas videos being uploaded to the website. In Maths, we have been recapping all of our work on place value from the first term. In RE, we have enjoyed looking at communities and how we can welcome somebody new into our school.

**Year 5 & 6 – Swimming-** Next week will be the last swimming lessons of the term. Swimming for Year 5 will start again in the week beginning 10th January. The classes will swim on the same days. Class 19 will be swimming in the Spring Term every Wednesday. Letters will go out in the first week of the Spring Term. Class 18 will go swimming in the Summer Term. Well done to all children in Class 17 for the amazing effort put into swimming in the Autumn Term.

**Tutor Trust-** Children who have been attending Tutor Trust tutoring will start again on Monday 10th of January.

**School Dates:**

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

School Closes for Christmas Break at 3.30pm

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

School opens at 8.30am

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

**Training Day- No children in School**

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

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

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

School opens at 8.30am

Friday 1st April 2022

School Closes for Easter Break at 3.30pm

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

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

School Closes for May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm