

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

14th January 2022

Despite the difficulties at the moment I would like to say a big thank you to the children who have returned to school with such a positive attitude to learning and school. It is this that keeps us going on those more challenging days.

Attendance- We have several families where the parent is isolating due to COVID but the children are well and do not have symptoms. A few have asked if we can support with getting the children to school. Unfortunately, we cannot do this as we do not have the staff to offer this support every day. The advice is to try to get them here if you can. Are there friends, neighbours or relatives who can help? Please let us know if this is the situation so we know who is collecting them. Children must come to school every day if they are well enough unless they have COVID symptoms. You must contact school if they are not coming to school. Thank you

COVID Cases

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE VIGELANT AND DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS

As the rest of the country we have an increasing number of positive cases although considering the size of the school we are doing very well. We have not had to close classes and send children home. The staff are working very hard to cover absent staff to ensure the children's learning is not affected. As the rules changed on Tuesday many of our new cases are LFT results that increase the numbers of reported positive cases.

Please only take LFT if your child does not have symptoms, the rules remain the same for anyone with symptoms, and they must have a PCR test. Unfortunately if you inform us your child has one of the three main symptoms we have to ask they have a PCR test before they can return to school. We have to do our best to keep the children and staff as safe as possible.

We are now asking for proof of test results, for LFT this includes a picture of the test and the corresponding NHS notification. For PCR tests we need to see the NHS notification.

If your child has to isolate and they are well enough they will be provided with work and we can arrange for children where the work is online to borrow a device.

We would like to thank you for your support and cooperation, this is not an easy time for you or school and this provides additional work for the office staff who have to manage the case logs and the teachers who are still teaching and providing work for those at home.

Cases for last week and this week (please be aware some of these did not return to school after the holiday so were not in school when they became infected). Many of the children have other family members who they live with who have tested positive who do not come to this school.

Year Group	Cases - Pupils
Nursery	0
Reception	1
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	2
5	1
6	6
Staff	4

Uniform Reminder - Please remember that the children are only allowed to wear PE kit on the days they have PE. At all other times they should be in school uniform. Please see the website for details or ask for a copy of the uniform quick guide if you need more information. We do have a small supply of second hand uniform if you need support we may be able to help. Please ask Miss Lawson or Mrs Wainwright. **We will allow the children to bring an additional jumper/hoodie that are non-school uniform when it is cold as we open windows to increase ventilation as advised under the COVID guidelines.**

Parents Views - I am keen to involve parents in school as much as possible although this is difficult at the moment. Please look out for a series of short surveys that we will be sending out and return them to school.

Training Opportunities - The school has recently been contacted by the Aim group and there are currently some courses available for parents and stakeholders on a range of different subjects. The courses are free and come with a qualification. If you are interested in taking part in some training please see the school website for more details.

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 2** **KS2 – Class 17**



Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 6

KS2- Class 15



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 Noah

Class 2 Chimamanda

Class 3 Isabelle

Class 5 Cody

Class 8 Eliza

Class 10 Yixin

Class 13 Subhaan

Class 15 Kelvin

Class 16 Roman

Class 17 Rui

Class 18 Jack

Class 19 Zain

Weekly Round Up

Nursery- Happy New Year, wishing you all a happy and healthy 2022. We have started using the online profile Learning Journeys and have been uploading pictures and comments to your children's profiles. We have seen that many of you have looked, liked and commented on these. If you are having difficulty viewing yours or not signed up yet, please see Miss Stead. The children's work can also be viewed on the schools website and twitter account. The children have enjoyed listening to and talking about the books Duck in a Truck and Captain Duck. We have made some amazing trucks and used an amazing technique to print track marks from different vehicles- pictures on website etc. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJxJUphHiLU> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtGP3Aiffw4> Please could you collect and bring in empty boxes, for example cereal, teabag, crackers, as we need them to create our small world street. They will be transformed into houses and building that you might find and see in any street, thank you. I am adding a link to a Leeds Mencap session that is available to children with disabilities and additional needs. You have to register with Mencap before booking <https://littlebiscuitpottery.wixsite.com/mysite>

Reception –This half term we have been thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. We have thought about all the jobs and people who help us in the community. This week we were very lucky to have a visit from a midwife who explained what she does at work and even let us explore some of the equipment. We have enjoyed talking about when we were babies and have shared our baby photos. In literacy we have been reading and learning the story 'Mrs Mole I'm home'. We have worked hard to sequence the story and make maps for Mr Mole. We thought about some of the landmarks in our local environment and used large outdoor equipment to make the church and Elland Road.

Year 1 – This week the children have enjoyed finding out about Antarctica from non-fiction books. They have written some super sentences to describe the landscape and climate. In topic lessons children have studied the explorers Christopher Columbus and Robert Falcon Scott. They have looked at the viewpoints of the native people and how they would have felt when their land was invaded.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have been continuing to read their class story in English lessons. Year 3 have explored what it is like to be a child in the Stone Age era and Year 4 have been reading about a man who landed on a mysterious island. In maths, we have all continued our learning on multiplication. Year 3 have also enjoyed learning the names of French food items and how to order off of a French menu. In geography, we have been learning about the UK climate, in preparation for comparisons to the Amazon Rainforest. Please remember that all trip letters for Tropical world must be in as soon as possible. Without permission, children will not be allowed to go on the trip.

To support some students currently studying at university, we are asking parents if year 3/4 children to complete the following survey about their views on oral health, as part of their degree. The link will also be available on the home page on the website. **Dental and oral health survey for year 3/4 parents:**
<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/parents-attitude-towards-childrens-oral-health>

Year 5 & 6 –Year 5 have enjoyed the challenge of completing long multiplication sums in Maths. In Music, children have enjoyed listening to the Fresh Prince of Bel Air and also practising performing the song. Year 6 have enjoyed dividing decimal numbers in Maths. In English, children have continued reading Skellig and completing various activities related to the text. Class 19 have also had their first swimming lesson, which was a success.

HMP- Year 5 will be taking part in the HMP (Her Majesty’s Pleasure) activities next week.

Tuesday: Class 16

Wednesday: Class 15

Thursday: Class 14

Year 6 will take part the following week:

Tuesday 25th: Class 17

Wednesday 26th: Class 18

Thursday 27th: Class 19

School Dates:

Friday 28th January 2022

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 28th February 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 29th April 2022

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 17th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

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

School Closes for May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

School opens at 8.30am

Training Day- No Children in School

School Closes for Summer Break at 3.30pm