

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

21st January 2022

We have had a very busy week in school and I would just like to thank the parents who have been very understanding and supportive this week.

THANK YOU 

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff who have gone above and beyond to keep the school open. They have helped at lunch time, covered classes, moved classes, helped with cleaning and have also supported in breakfast club and after school club, worked extra hours and much more. Without these amazing staff the school would have to send more children home and would sometimes need to close these clubs. I am very grateful, thank you.

Punctuality

Nursery – please remember that the Nursery doors close at 8.40am and your children must be there in time for the morning session to start. The large amounts of late children are causing us problems as we do not have the staff to take them to Nursery. We will have to look at how we manage this in the future if it continues and may have to ask you to take your children home.

The rest of school - When children arrive late it has a negative effect on them, they have to enter a class late when the lesson has started and can find understanding the lesson and settling difficult. They are also missing vital opportunities to read to a member of staff. In addition we are spending too much time managing the late children, ensuring they are on the register, arranging lunches and ensuring they settle in class and this is taking time off staffs other jobs.

We know that occasionally things happen and you are late and that is perfectly fine but we have some children and families who are late regularly. We will also be reviewing places in after school club for those who are regularly late, we have many parents waiting for places and it is not acceptable that we have many children regularly late for the start of school who then stay in after school club. To use these additional provisions we expect parents to follow the rules and expectations of school and this includes ensuring your children are at school on time.

After School Club – We have reviewed and reorganised the office staff's hours. This is to ensure that we have the maximum number of staff in the office at our busy times in the school day. This has resulted in a change to how parents collect their children from after school club. Please use the radio provided to call for your children, bear in mind the staff are with children but will answer you and bring your child as soon as possible.

Headlice- Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. Combs are available from the office.

COVID- We have had an increase in cases across school this week and have had to put additional measures in place in year 5 and 6 who are having to eat in their classrooms and play out in individual playgrounds. Unfortunately, in consultation with Leeds Health and Safety Team we have also had to close one year 6 class this week. We continue with all the previous safety measures and are doing our best to reduce the spread of infection. Please continue to be vigilant and report any positive cases to school. This is vital to enable us to monitor the situation and take any additional measures necessary.

Confirmed positive cases new this week:

Year Group	Cases - Pupils
Nursery	1
Reception	1
1	0
2	2
3	4
4	7
5	5
6	12
Staff	5

Something new Mrs Wainwright learnt this week - This was not something I learned from visiting a class but from something class 15 posted on Twitter. I did not realise how useful piles of junk was for creating a piece of art and I look forward to seeing their finishes art work.

Please remember to follow us on twitter and Facebook to see what children have been doing in school. There is also a section on our website.



Our Facebook handle is @StBartsLeeds



Our twitter handle is @StBartsCofE



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 16**



Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 2

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 Murtaza

Class 2 Andrzej

Class 3 Kayke

Class 4 Brandon

Class 5 Olivia

Class 6 Abdullah

Class 7 Aayana

Class 8 Jaden

Class 9 Emmanuel

Class 10 Jordy

CLASS 11 Shannel

Class 12 Elliot

Class 13 Emem

Class 14 Amelia

Class 15 Gile

Class 16 Logan

Class 17 Daria

Class 18 James

Class 19 Adela

Weekly Round Up

Nursery- Another busy week in Nursery. The Naughty Bus story has been very popular with the children gasping at the picture of the Naughty Bus driving through the chips, egg and beans. The children all thought the story was a 'thumbs up' one and could all talk about the adventures he had. Next week we are reading the books 'The Train Ride' and 'On our way to Grandpa's. The links are below. These books can be sung or read and I think we will do a mix of the two. We will be thinking about all the different shapes and will play Hide and Seek shapes outside, we will print trains using different shapes and use the plastic shapes to make pictures. Please remember to put your child's name in their coats, gloves and hats. The children are all becoming more independent and we are encouraging them to put their own coats, gloves and hats, please can you help us by getting them to practice putting them on at home. I would suggest mittens for their hands as these are easier than gloves, thanks.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHbE8kaBDKU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKcrsv_t8Ko

An activity for the grown ups that is free- Meet and Make at Leeds Art Gallery.

<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/events/leeds-art-gallery/meet-make-4/?occurrence=2022-01-21>

The Artspace area of the gallery is family friendly with activities.

Reception – This week in Reception we have been thinking about friendship. We have talked about what it means to be a good friend and why it is so important. We have enjoyed creating friendship bracelets and friendship paper chains. In Maths we have been exploring capacity. We have used different sized scoops and containers in the sand and water trays and used language full, half full and empty. We have been working really hard in Literacy to write sentences about our story 'Mrs Mole I am Home'. The children have been really engaged in box modelling over the past few weeks and have made some amazing robots, laptops and walkie talkies using recycling. If you have any cardboard boxes, bottles, bottle tops, egg boxes, mill cartons or empty kitchen rolls that you would like to donate we would be extremely grateful.

Year 1 – This week children have really enjoyed learning about Antarctica and they have started to write their own information booklet about weather and animals in this area. They have continued to explore different materials in Science and what they are used for. We are very proud of all the children for their hard work this week. Can we remind everyone to please complete the green books with spellings in and bring them into school for us to practice. Children also would greatly benefit from reading their book at home- there are yellow reading records for adults at home to complete and send in to school. Children who bring completed reading homework records in will receive track it points.

Year 2-Year 2 had a visitor in this week to support with their understanding of the Great Fire of London. Samuel Pepys friend explained how the fire started and spread, the children acted out being the fire to gain a greater understanding. They then had to be Londoners and pass water buckets to understand how the fire was attempted to be put out. The children had a fantastic day and learnt lots about the Great Fire of London and became part of the whole experience.

Year 3 & 4 –Years 3 and 4 have had a great week on our trip. All classes who have been on the visit went to Tropical World in Roundhay, class 13 will be going at later date. When we were there, we took part in a workshop that taught us all about the layers of the rainforest. We also looked at what animals might live in each part. We enjoyed looking at the skulls of different animals that live there. During the afternoon, we explored tropical world. We got to see crocodiles, snakes and different types of monkeys. We also walked through the rainforest and felt what it was like, as well as looking at the different types of plants that there were.

Year 5 & 6 – A reminder that all children should be taking their reading book home with them. Children should also be wearing the correct school uniform. Please see Mr Needham with any questions regarding reading and uniform.

Year 5 have enjoyed organising and sorting their materials ready for their recycled art project. Year 6 Children have continued reading Skellig and completing various activities related to the text.

HMP

Unfortunately HMP had to be cancelled for Year 5 and for Year 6 - it will be rearranged for both year groups at some point in the academic year.

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