

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

4th February 2022

It has been a very difficult beginning to the year and we are very proud of how the children have dealt with the disruption and frequent staff changes. The staff have worked very hard to ensure the children's learning has not suffered and they continue to receive a variety of great opportunities. Check our website, Twitter or Facebook page for regular updates. Those children who have COVID and are well enough are provided with a mix of learning opportunities, including joining live lessons. If your child has COVID and is well enough to work please ask if they need to borrow a device to support their home education. We also thank you for your continued support.



Good bye Father Michael- Sunday was a sad day for the school as we said goodbye and good luck to Father Michael. It was his last Mass at St Bartholomew's Church before he retires and heads over to the coast. Father Michael has been a part of school life for the past 6 years, not only delivering words of wisdom on a regular basis at our regular collective worship, but also as a member of the school's governors. We wish you all the best in your retirement and again, a great big thank you for all your support and time that you spent at St Bartholomew's. Good luck, we will miss you.

Lunches- Children cannot change each day between packed lunches and school dinners. This adds more work at the office and often causes confusion for the children. They must stay on the same choice all week and **all dinners must be paid for on a Monday**. Thank you

Breakfast Club and After School Club- We are very proud as a school to be able to offer these clubs to our parents for a fraction of the usual childcare costs and places are subsidised by school as we see it as such an important provision to support you. However, the amount of late payments are very concerning. **We expect all payments to be paid on the Monday of each week or in advance if you prefer.** We have organised the staff in the office on a Monday to manage these payments. It is time consuming and difficult to keep having to chase and manage late payments.

After half term if you do not pay on a Monday your child's place will be withdrawn and they will not be able to stay from the Tuesday. We still have children on the waiting list who will be allocated the place.

I apologise if this sounds harsh but we have asked for payments to be made on time several times and we still get a large amount of late payments and arrears. If we cannot solve this problem we will have to look at other solutions. I appreciate your support with this matter.

Play Scheme- We can only offer the number of places we have the staffing for and unfortunately cannot meet the requests of everyone. It is especially difficult in the current situation due to high levels of staff absence and staff having other commitments in their holidays. If you have not been allocated a place this half term you will be made a priority for the Easter scheme running from the 4th to 8th of April and those who have a place this half term may not get one next time. Please do not presume just because you need a place there will be one available. Please remember we run the scheme ourselves and do not use an expensive private provider and staff chose to give up their holidays to work in play scheme. It is still extremely cheap compared to other provisions and is something we continue to provide to support you as much as we can. If you have any questions please come and ask Mrs Wainwright as the office staff are not able to answer any questions or discuss the allocation of places. Thank you

Confirmed positive cases new this week:

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

Trackit

It is fantastic to see the children in reception so excited about using TrackIt. It is encouraging them to do their best work and show their best behaviour. They are doing really well and always tell me how many points they have.

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 3** **KS2 – Class 10**



Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 8

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 Layla

Class 2 Blessing

Class 3 William

Class 4 Ravi

Class 5 Kashish

Class 6 Vivien

Class 7 Mia

Class 8 Emily

Class 9 Darasimi

Class 10 Sophia

CLASS 11 Monroe

Class 12 Hithesh

Class 13 James

Class 14 Yousaf

Class 15 Kayla

Class 16 Samuel

Class 17 Imogen

Class 18 Maddiyah

Class 19 Keren

Weekly Round Up

Nursery-The children have really enjoyed the stories and activities that we have been taking part in. Photographs of the children and activities are on the website, twitter and on their personal Learning Journeys that you can log onto. If you are having any difficulties with this, please let Miss Stead know and she will help you. The children have become very interested in pirates this week and through our discussions on the carpet we have decided to spend the last two weeks of half term being pirates. We will read a selection of Pirate stories, two of which are 'The Pirates are Coming' and 'Pirate Pete and his Smelly Feet'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKR9u9pa7lg> The Pirates are Coming <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt114cz8iwE> Pirate Pete and his Smelly Feet.

Something I have just found out about and thought might be fun - Ride the water taxi in Leeds City Centre

A little known, and very scenic, route from Granary Wharf to Leeds Dock. Jump on board one of the yellow water taxis, for a 15 minute trip down the canal, from the train station to the Royal Armouries Museum. Mon – Fri: 7am-7pm, Saturday & Sunday: 10am-6pm £1 per person, per journey. Children 5 and under travel free. Cash and card (including contactless) payments accepted.

Reception – This week in Reception we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have enjoyed forming Chinese numerals in glitter using chopsticks and making lanterns. We have also been making Chinese dragons using a range of different materials and even made a whole class dragon that goes from one end of the classroom to the other! In maths we have been using lots of different resources to explore different ways to make 6, 7 and 8.

Year 1 –This week children have enjoyed investigating different puppets in DT lessons and they have used a range of materials to make their own finger puppets. Children have started to write a diary extract in English from the point of view of Robert Falcon Scott - a famous explorer! It has been pleasing to see children using lots of words ending in 'ed' to show things have happened on the past! In Maths children have explored numbers to 50 and partitioned these numbers into 10s and 1s. Children have used the base 10 blocks to show these numbers and completed matching challenges. Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned the bikability letters - sessions will begin next week for classes 4 and 5 and class 6 the week after.

Year 2 - Year 2 have finished their multiplication and division work and have moved onto fractions of shape, in English we have started reading Toby and The Great Fire of London, we will be ordering the story, doing a summary and re-writing the story. The children have loved all the work on The Fire of London so far. In Science we have been learning about a healthy lifestyle, eating a balanced diet, keeping clean and exercising.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Year 3 have been reading a report about the Stone Age, and have been looking at the different features we would find in this non-fiction text. They have also been looking at some vocabulary specific to the Stone Age Era. Year 4 have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom and the children have been starting to annotate parts of the text with their thoughts and wonders. In geography, Years 3 and 4 have been learning about which animals are suited to different climates. In RE, we have enjoyed looking at how diverse our communities are, Year 3 have also enjoyed making different amounts of money in maths.

Well done to all of our cyclists in Year 4! The children have taken part in a half day 'Bikeability' session, where they either learned to ride a bike, or improved the skills they already have.

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 returned to swimming and the children are enjoying working on their gymnastic skills in PE. Children have enjoyed working on their reading fluency in English.

Year 6 have enjoyed working on percentages in Maths. Children have enjoyed the challenge of calculating percentages of amounts and also investigating the relationships between percentages, decimals and fractions.

School Dates:

Friday 18 th February 2022	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 28 th February 2022	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 1st April 2022	School Closes for Easter Break at 3.30pm
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 29 th April 2022	School Closes for May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 27 th May 2022	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th June 2022	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 17th June 2022	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 22 nd July 2022	School Closes for Summer Break at 3.30pm