

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

"Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve"

1st April 2022

This has been a short but busy half term. We have seen extremes in weather like no other time I can remember. We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing all the children return to school on Tuesday 19th April. We aim to have a fantastic summer term with the best attendance ever!

What a super star! Well done to Maverick in Year 2 who completed a sponsored cycle from Armley Park to Skipton. The money he raised will help people in the Ukraine. What an amazing thing to do.



You helped too! We have raised over £289.00 on the Easter Raffles. Thank you to the children, parents and staff.

Reminders:

- ✓ **No play scheme - May half term**
- ✓ **Parking** – the yellow lines have been repainted outside the main entrance. This is to remind people not to park illegally and put children at risk. There have been incidents where cars mounting the curb have nearly hit a child and on two occasions have, luckily no one was seriously hurt. If you park on the curb it also makes it difficult for people walking and those who have a pushchair or use a wheelchair. It is difficult and busy at the start and end of the day but please consider others and walk your children to school if possible, it is healthier too!
- ✓ **Years 4 and 5 - Rock Steady** is still available for those who are interested, please look at the letter that was sent out or ask for another.
- ✓ **Please make sure your child's name is in their jumpers, cardigans and coats. As the weather improves the children tend to take them off whilst playing and forget to pick them back up. It is very difficult to get lost items back to children when they have no names in. Thank you.**

Punctuality - Unfortunately we have an increasing number of children arriving late to school. This is causing additional work for the office and affecting what they should be doing at that time. **More importantly children are missing their education and going into lessons late can be upsetting.** Everyone can be late for unforeseeable reasons but some children are late regularly. After Easter we will be asking the adult who brings the children to complete a form to save the office time. We apologise if this is inconvenient but can easily be avoided if your children are on time. Nursery children must be here between 8.30-8.40am and the rest of children 8.30-8.50pm.

ALL CHILDREN ARRIVING LATE MUST BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL BY AN ADULT

COVID Vaccines - For your information, this is an update on vaccines from the government:

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine from the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. Parents of 5 to 11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

School Council – Reading Area Mini Bus Project - The school council are looking to encourage children to read more



by making an outdoor reading area. They are planning to make the area in an old mini bus. We are looking for an old mini bus as well as help refurbishing it so children have seating areas where they can sit and read. School have recently partnered with Lets Localise. Let's Localise is a digital fundraising platform where teachers and schools can appeal for help and resources from the local community. This can take the form of donations or sharing of time, money and resources to help school achieve their goal. Please share the link below and if you or anyone you know can help then please visit the appeal page and get in touch:

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/par-event-detail?eventId=12462>

Payments for the Next Half Term

If you would like to pay for a full half term please find the amounts below:

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May 2022

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| Dinner Money | 29 Days | £58.00 |
| Breakfast Club | 6 weeks | £12.00 |
| After School Club | 1 Day X 6 weeks | £18.00 |
| After School Club | 2 Days X 6 weeks | £36.00 |
| After School Club | 3 Days X 6 weeks | £54.00 |
| After School Club | 4 Days X 6 weeks | £72.00 |
| After School Club | 5 Days x 6 weeks | £90.00 |

Please note Monday 18th April is a bank holiday, if you have a Monday in After School Club please deduct £3.00 from the total.

School Dates:

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| 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 |