

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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22nd April 2022

Welcome back to a new term. We are hopefully going to start to enjoy better weather and a return to normality.

Attendance

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

This term attendance will be a priority for us, children have to be in school to learn and we are trying to meet the national expectation for schools of over 96%.

Please remember every day missed is vital.

90% attendance is half a day a week missed

80% attendance is a day a week missed

COVID has had an impact on attendance and has been unavoidable. The new national guidance is now that children should attend school unless too unwell to do so or if they have a high temperature. The usual sniffles and mild coughs are no reason to stop at home.

Punctuality

We also ask that you make sure that your children are on time for school as being late affects your child's start to the day and their learning. Unfortunately we have an increasing number of children arriving late. We understand one off incidents can happen but the level of regular lateness is much too high. It is also affecting the office and preventing them getting on with their other tasks. Please remember an adult has to bring any child arriving late and from next week the adult will have to complete a form when they come late. This is to help the office at a very busy time of day.

Holidays

Holidays in term time are not allowed under any circumstances and will not be authorised.

If you do decide to take your child out of school for a holiday please be aware they will not be prioritised for a place in play scheme during the holidays.

If you wish to discuss anything related to attendance and punctuality please see Mrs Wainwright.

Clothes Bank - We now have an amount of uniform that will be available free to parents. We will be outside the front entrance next Thursday, the 28th April. If you have any good quality clothes that your child no longer needs we are happy to accept donations to pass onto other families. Thank you

Curriculum: Spring Term Review - There have been so many exciting things going on around our curriculum in the Spring term. There have been many trips, we had exciting visitors in and took part in many celebrations and charity events. Please take a picture on your phone/tablet of the QR code to be taken to see our curriculum newsletter on our website, and then scroll to the bottom of the page.



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 14**



Attendance Winners

This week the attendance award goes to:

KS1- Class 1

KS2- Class 14



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!



<i>Class 1 Ibrahim</i>	<i>Class 2 Milan</i>	<i>Class 4 Jersey</i>	<i>Class 5 Rahiem</i>	<i>Class 6 Olivia</i>
<i>Class 7 Charis</i>	<i>Class 8 Betty</i>	<i>Class 9 Yursa</i>	<i>Class 10 George</i>	<i>Class 12 Natan</i>
<i>Class 14 Natalie</i>	<i>Class 15 Kaiden</i>	<i>Class 16 Liya</i>	<i>Class 17 Chance</i>	<i>Class 18 Oscar</i>
<i>Class 19 Alex</i>				

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful time in the holidays. This half term we are using some traditional stories to enhance our learning. We will be reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk, Three Billy Goats Gruff and Little Red Riding Hood. We will retell stories both inside and outside, concentrating on different learning objectives. When we read The Three Billy Goats Gruff, we will retell the story using the bridge we have in the playground and use lots of positional language and we are planting our own magic beans to grow our own beanstalk. We will be making and tasting porridge. The children will be able to decide what they want with their porridge- honey, milk, sugar or jam. I must recommend Bramley Park for a walk and a place for children to burn off some energy. There is a tennis court, basketball court, a play area plus lots and lots of space to run.

Year 2 - Year 2 are learning about pirates this term. In English we are reading The Pirates Next Door and will be writing a letter using conjunctions to add detail. In Maths we are practising our addition and subtraction work, remembering when to use each method. In Science we are learning about life cycles including humans and animals. A SAT's guide has been sent out and is also available on the website if you would like more information. As requested by parents, at parents evening, extra homework has been sent out so that you are able to do more work with your child before SATs if you wish.

Year 3 & 4 - Welcome back! This week, we have started our new topic. We are learning about life in ancient Egypt. In our English lessons, we have been reading a factual guide about life in Egypt and looking at some unfamiliar vocabulary. In Science, we have been learning about invertebrates (animals without a backbone) and classifying these further into different groups. In PSHE, we have been learning about first aid and what we can do in emergency situations. As it is now the summer term, we are hoping that many of our athletics PE sessions will be outside. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately in their PE kit on their PE days.

Year 5 & 6 - Swimming and PE - Swimming will start again next week. Year 5 have the same slots for both PE and swimming. In Year 6, Class 18 will go swimming every Wednesday in the Summer Term. Class 18 will do PE on a Thursday. Class 17 will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Class 19 will have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

HMP - Year 6 loved the HMP experience. All children became fully involved in the experience and enjoyed solving the crime! See the school website for photos.

HMP will happen in Year 5 next week on the following dates:

Class 16: Tuesday 26th April

Class 15: Wednesday 27th April

Class 14: Thursday 28th April

School Dates:

Friday 29th April 2022

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 17th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

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