

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

*“Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve”*

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

## **The End of a Busy Week!**

This has been a long week for Year 6 who have completed the first tests since 2019. They have worked really hard and we are all very proud of how hard they tried. Well done!

I would also like to thank the staff who have been involved in supporting the children to ensure they were prepared and ready to do their best.

We continue to wish Year 2 good luck as they continue with their tests until the end of term. Again the children are approaching these tests with enthusiasm and we are proud of how hard they are working and thanks to all the staff involved have worked very hard to support the children.

**They all need a well-earned rest this weekend!**

**Uniform** - As the weather improves we have an increasing amount of coats, jumpers and cardigans left by the children, in class at the end of the day and especially outside when they get hot at playtimes. It is difficult to work out who these belong to as many are not labelled. Please label these items for your child. It can be upsetting for your child and expensive for you if we cannot find lost items of clothing. Thank you.

**Holidays in Term Time** - We have an increasing amount of families asking for time off school to go on holiday. We appreciate how difficult these last few years have been and how many people have missed holidays but equally we know how important every day is in school to help children catch up and progress.

We will not authorise any absence unless it is exceptional circumstances and these must be discussed and agreed before you plan to travel.

From September we will be considering fining from 5 days, please bear this in mind before you book.

We provide play scheme to support families who need child care in the holidays, we will not be prioritising families who take unauthorised holidays in term time with childcare in the school holidays. If you want to discuss this see Mrs Wainwright, thank you

**Hepatitis** - There is an increase in the number of cases of Hepatitis across the country. Although this affects a very small number of children it can be extremely dangerous. We have been asked to share with you this information so you can be vigilant. The potential signs and symptoms are:

- abdominal pain
- loss of appetite
- nausea
- fever and fatigue
- Followed by jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes), dark urine and pale faeces.

Most of these symptoms are also signs of many common illnesses, if you are at all concerned please seek medical advice.

**PE** – Reminder please send your child to school on their PE days in their PE kit which should be grey or black tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings and a red or white plain t- shirt and suitable footwear.

**Reports** - You will receive your child's end of year report on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and there will be an opportunity the following week to discuss these with their teacher if you wish to.

**Footballs** – If children bring their own footballs to school they need to have their name and class on them. School is unable to accept responsibility if they get lost or go over the fence.

**Best Classes in School**- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 7** **KS2 – Class 10**



### **Attendance Winners**

This week the attendance award goes to:

**KS1 – Class 7**

**KS2 – Class 19**



### **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 Hasnain*

*Class 2 Yussuf*

*Class 3 Edward*

*Class 5 Elita*

*Class 7 Lwandile*

*Class 8 Dexter*

*Class 9 Joanna*

*Class 10 Sebastian*

*Class 11 Ava*

*Class 12 Nathan*

*Class 13 Emem*

*Class 14 Fayazza*

*Class 15 Jafar*

*Class 16 Aiza*

*Class 17 Jacob*

*Class 18 Faith*

*Class 19 Jakub*

### **Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery** –'Run, run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!' This has been a very popular book, with the children retelling the story and acting it out in the playground. We have been ordering the people and animals who chased after the cheeky chap, made bridges that could have saved the Gingerbread Man from his fate and painted some wonderful Gingerbread Men. Next week we are using the book Little Red Riding Hood as our teaching prompt, again it allows for plenty of role play and cooperative play.

**Reception** - After learning all about worms and ladybirds lots of children in Reception were keen to learn about butterflies. We listened to one of our favourite stories 'The very hungry caterpillar'. We looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and used pasta bows, shells and twists to show the different stages of the life cycle. We have also enjoyed creating hand print caterpillars. In maths we have been solving addition problems using first, then and now. Next week we will be planting seeds and talking about what plants need to grow.

**Year 1** – Children have really enjoyed tasting a variety of different fruit, some that have come all the way from Africa! Children have then designed their own fruit smoothie. We also had a visit from Mrs Field's tortoise, to help the children understand different types of animals such as reptiles.

**Year 2** –Year 2 have been learning about Blackbeard the Pirate in English and have written a wanted poster. In Maths they have been applying their place value knowledge to support their reasoning and problem solving. In R.E they have been learning about different types of praying and writing their own prayer. Year 2 have also been working very hard completing their Maths SAT's and we are very proud of all the effort they have put in.

**Year 3 & 4** - This week, we have started to look at explanation texts. We have been reading a text called 'How I Met Dudley' and looking at the features. In History, we have been looking at pyramids and what their purpose was. We have also been trying to read hieroglyphs, which is an ancient alphabet that the Egyptians used to use. In Maths, we have been using money to work out problems and in French, we have been in role as somebody in a French shop.

**Year 5** - In English, children have continued writing their own Ancient Greek Myth. In Maths, children have begun looking at different types of angles. In Art, children have started looking at printing and have enjoyed researching famous artists.

### **School Dates:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

School Opens at 8.30am

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Training Day- No Children in School**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

School Closes for Summer Break at 3.30pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

School Opens at 8.30am