

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The end of another week and the weather is definitely changing. Please send your children in clothes suitable for this changing, unpredictable weather. They should all now be coming in a coat or jacket and a jumper or cardigan. The temperature in school can change quickly and we all need to be prepared. It is lovely to see all the children in their uniforms and PE kits.

**Halal** – If you want your child to stop having Halal or want them to start having it after half term please see the office. Mrs Busby will take your child’s name and arrange this for you. Mrs Busby works Monday to Thursday. Once you have decided your child is having Halal, please be aware that on the days it is on the menu they will not be offered another choice, this is because it is ordered specially in. If you wish to discuss this, please call at the office.

**Milk** – Due to the amount of late requests for milk we will be sending a letter out for the second half of this term. Please only complete this if your child does not already have it and wants it. The children who currently have milk will continue to have it until December. A letter for next term in January will be sent out closer to the time.

**Photos** – If you ordered online by the deadline for school delivery, the photos will be delivered in the next few weeks, we will let you know when they have arrived.



**Worship** – Under our theme of **Generosity** we have been looking this week at the greatest gift we have been given, that of ‘The World’. We have been discussing and reflecting about how precious the world is and how we need to protect it for the future generations.

**Harvest** – Some of our children will be taking part in the Harvest Festival this year, when we get to practice the theme of this half term, generosity. We appreciate how hard things are at the moment for many families and that is why we are asking for **‘Just One Thing!’** If everyone who can, children and staff donate just one thing we would get over 500 items to donate to local charities for people who they support. Please do not feel you have to bring something it is purely voluntary and if you are able.

**Play Scheme** – We are only able to offer a very small play scheme this October. This is due to staffing and building work that is planned for when the school is closed. Letters will be sent out Monday.

**Scooters & Bikes** – School cannot take responsibility for any bikes and scooters left on school premises. If you do come to school on a bike or scooter, we suggest you purchase a small lock to keep them secure.

**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week** – I have enjoyed the children in Years 1/2 telling me about their Reading Rucksacks. This is when they take a Reading Rucksack home and spend some time enjoying reading a book at home with a hot chocolate and a biscuit and a furry friend. I often see their pictures on Twitter. I am hoping I get to take one home one day.



**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 Tina	Class 2 Aiza	Class 3 Callum	Class 4 Sreejith	Class 5 Toro
Class 6 Ahmed	Class 7 Lauren	Class 8 Nela	Class 9 Angelica	Class 10 Mayeda
Class 11 Ambrose	Class 12 Peter	Class 13 Aleena	Class 14 Odai	Class 15 Kini
Class 16 King David	Class 17 Kamile			

**Whole School Attendance for Last Week:**

**Nursery: 93.8%**

**Reception to Year 6: 96%**

**Best Classes in School-** These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 6** **KS2 – Class 13**



**Attendance Winners this week:**

**KS1 - Class 2 – 97.2%**

**KS2 – Class 10 – 100%**



## **Weekly Round Up**

**Reception** - In Reception this week we have been talking all about ourselves! We have looked closely in mirrors, talked about our features, and worked hard to draw self-portraits. We have talked about our similarities and differences. We have been keen to discuss the changes we are noticing around us including the weather and the colour of the leaves on the trees nearby. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the home learning challenges. Look out for what we did with all the autumn objects on the website.

**Year 1 & 2** –In Year 1 this week the children have really enjoyed their new story ‘Funny Bones’. They talked about the characters and have used adjectives to describe them. In provision the children have used construction materials to build a skeleton. In Science children have been learning about the senses and exploring their sense of touch. In Year 2, in Maths children have studied number bonds to 10,20 and 100 and have enjoyed using practical resources to represent these. In English the children have enjoyed looking at the story Rapunzel and have made predictions about the story. They have also written their own questions and commands. Children in Classes 3 and 4 have loved their bike sessions with their trainer. Next week these will continue with Class 4 on Monday and then Class 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Year 3 & 4** - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been looking at Kennings in our English lessons. We have been learning about this type of poetry and have been writing our own. In RE, we enjoyed looking at the 10 commandments and what they mean to us. In Art, we have started painting our Vincent Van Gogh pictures of our local Armley scene. In computing, we have been using Scratch to move our animations of Beowulf and Grendel. During our Science lessons, we enjoyed looking at seed dispersal and finding out all of the ways that new plants can be grown.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons:** In English, children have started to read Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. Children have used their inference skills when reading the blurb to predict events in the story. In History, children have begun their Battle of Britain research topic and started by looking at primary sources regarding if Hitler was serious about invading Britain.

**Eden Camp**- Classes 13, 15 and 16 have thoroughly enjoyed their trips to Eden Camp this week. Next week, Class 14 will be going to Eden Camp on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Class 17 will be going on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. It is extremely important children arrive at school at 8:30am.

**High School Applications** - High school applications for children in Year 6 are now open (closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022). If you need any help with applying online for a high school – please contact school to speak to Mr Needham.

### **School Dates:**

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School Opens 8.30am
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>	<b>Training day- No children in school</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	School Closes Christmas Break at 3.30pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	School opens 8.30am
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>Training day- No children in school</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	School Closes Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	School Opens 8.30am
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	School Closes Easter Break at 3.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	School Opens 8.30am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	School Closes May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	School opens 8.30am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	School opens 8.30am
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>Training Day- No Children in School</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm