

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

3rd February 2023

It has been a challenging week for schools and teachers across the country and some of our staff had to make some difficult decisions but we were pleased to be able to stay open on Wednesday. This could change on the next strike days and we will keep you informed and hope you understand the decisions we make.

Worship – Our current theme is **Courage** and this week we have been thinking about the positive words we can say to people to encourage them to be brave and face challenges that may come their way.

What we are doing to make things better - We are currently converting an unused cloakroom into a worship and reflection room. This will provide us a comfortable space for small group work and somewhere for children and staff to have some quiet time if needed.

Halal Dinner Option – If you would like your child to be added or withdrawn from the Halal menus, please see Mrs Busby in the office by Thursday 9th February. The changes can only take place at the beginning of each half term. Please remember that if your child has Halal, they cannot choose another option on the days Halal is served as this is planned in advance by the kitchen.

Uniform - We would like to remind you that we collect good quality used uniform so we can offer it to other children who may need items of uniform. If you have any, uniform that is still in good condition that you no longer need please donate it to school so we can pass it on to someone else.

There are also uniform exchanges around Leeds if you need help, please see our website for details.

If you need help with uniform please ask Miss Lawson or Mrs Wainwright and we will be happy to help.

Headlice - Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They cannot be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. Combs are available from the office.



Congratulations – An athletics star of the future!

We are extremely proud of Mikael from Year 5. He came first in the 50 x 2 with a record of 8.1 for Leeds City AC U13 on Wednesday 25th January 2023.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the models some of the Reception children had made. It was a bit scary at first seeing the tigers come into my office.



Headteachers Awards – Well done to the 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 Jackson

Class 2 Mussa

Class 3 Karolina

Class 4 Arman

Class 5 Saiar

Class 6 Hugo

Class 7 Aahil

Class 8 Christian

Class 9 Kashika

Class 10 Dawid

Class 11 Sofia

Class 12 Gracious

Class 13 Anthony

Class 14 Zunairah

Class 15 Teagan

Class 16 Amelia

Class 17 Samuel Os

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 4** **KS2 – Class 15**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 3 – 98.3%

KS2 – Class 10 – 97.6%



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 87.5% Reception to Year 6: 94.7%

Weekly Round Up

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been using mathematical language such as long, tall, short, big and small when comparing and measuring different objects. We have used cubes to measure and explain how we know which object is the tallest. We enjoyed drawing round our feet and measuring them although it tickled a bit! We have spent lots of time this week talking about how to be a good friend. We enjoyed listening to the story Rainbow Fish and have added some shiny glittery scales to our playdough.

Year 1 & 2 – We would like to politely remind parents/carers about the importance of making sure children come to school prepared for the day. Each morning children need to bring their reading book, yellow record, pink spelling book and any homework they need to hand in. children receive Maths homework every Monday that is due in by Friday or earlier if completed. Please only complete 1 page each week. We have had a very busy week in school. Classes 3, 4 and 5 really enjoyed their visit from a Polar Explorer! They asked many interesting questions and will be using what they have learnt to do in some fantastic writing in English. Children in classes 6 and 7 have looked at how Muslim families welcome new babies in RE and have shown different customs on a poster. Next week classes 6 and 7 will be enjoying their Great fire of London Day on Monday. The children are excited.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, we have enjoyed reading the poem 'The coming of the Iron Man' by Brenda Williams. It is a poetry version of the first chapter of the Iron Man, which we have really enjoyed reading over this half term. In history, we have been looking at Roman towns. We have been using sources of evidence and artefacts to help us learn more about them. In PE, we have been putting together our gymnastics routines. We also had a fun day for number day. Well done to all of the children who dressed up and for helping us raise money for the NSPCC. We took part in lots of fun number based activities over the day.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In English, children have been writing 'internal monologues' as a character based on the book they are reading, Skellig. Class 15 asked Mr Needham to listen to some of them – he was very impressed with their writing and with the performances of the monologues. In Math's, children have been dividing numbers and working on fractions. In Science, children have enjoyed learning about renewable energy.

Trips - Cricket in the Classroom trips have been hugely successful. Thank-you to all the children in Classes 14, 15, 16 and 17 for their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour when on the visit. Class 13 will be visiting Headingley Stadium on Wednesday 8th February.

School Dates:

Friday 10th February 2023

School Closes Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 20th February 2023

School Opens 8.30am

Friday 31st March 2023

School Closes Easter Break at 3.30pm

Monday 17th April 2023

School Opens 8.30am

Friday 28th April 2023

School Closes May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

School opens 8.30am

Friday 26th May 2023

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 5th June 2023

School opens 8.30am

Friday 23rd June 2023

Training Day- No Children in School

Friday 21st July 2023

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm