

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

This has been a short week and has flown by. We have also had school photograph day which is always a busy day. The activity clubs for this half term have started and the children have enjoyed those.

**Data Collection** - Please return the data collection sheets we sent out on Tuesday. These are very important as we need up to date information. Please return them even if there have not been any changes. Remember your child will receive 50 Track it points.

**Breakfast Club** - Breakfast club closes at 8.15am. This allows us to get ready for the start of the day and ensures our staff, who all work in classrooms are ready for their day in class. If you bring your child late they must wait with you outside until the normal doors open at 8.30am.

**The Start of the Day** - We open our doors at 8.30am and ask that you do not leave children outside school before then. We have had a number of children, some quite young left on their own before 8.30am. We do not have staff on duty at this time and cannot keep your children safe. Please do not come to school early and leave your children unsupervised. Can we also remind you that children should not be playing on the outdoor equipment before and after school. This can be dangerous and can cause damage to the equipment that is used during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

**School Meals** - We encourage all children in reception to year 2 and those in KS2 who are entitled to free school meals to try our meals. They are provided by Leeds and they ensure very strict standards are maintained. If you pay for school dinners, we as a school have ensured costs have stayed at £2 a day to maintain good value for you and would encourage any children on packed lunches to try them for a week. Leeds can provide for special dietary needs (allergies/medical) and we now when appropriate provide Halal meals.

**Halal** - If you want your child to come off Halal or go onto Halal please see the office to discuss this.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October we have a themed menu to coincide with the Cricket World Cup. Please see the menu attached. If your child usually has packed lunches and would like to try a school meal that day, please pay at the office.

If you have any questions about school meals, please ask at the office and someone will be able to help.

**St Bart's on Social Media** - If you want to follow school on social media please use the links below. We would love to see more parents follow school.

Facebook - StBartsLeeds

Twitter - StBartsCofE

**Attendance** - We expect all children in school unless too unwell. A common cold and sniffles is not a reason to stay at home. If your child is ill we expect you to inform school and any other planned absences for whatever reason needs to be discussed in advance, this includes visits to high schools and entrance exams.

The target for school's attendance for the year is 96% and we would really like to hit this or be above at the end of the year. We need your support with this. Only with this high level of attendance can children reach their full potential and set up good habits for their high school and beyond into the world of work.

It is fantastic that we met this target last week, see below.

**Whole School Attendance for Last Week:**

**Nursery: 94.1%**

**Reception to Year 6: 96.1%**





### **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 Oscar</i>	<i>Class 2 Alima</i>	<i>Class 3 Bobby</i>	<i>Class 4 Brycen</i>	<i>Class 5 Dami</i>
<i>Class 6 James</i>	<i>Class 7 Cody</i>	<i>Class 8 Alicia</i>	<i>Class 9 Angelica</i>	<i>Class 10 Darasimi</i>
<i>Class 11 Elizabeth</i>	<i>Class 12 Bernice</i>	<i>Class 13 Danylo</i>	<i>Class 14 Codi</i>	<i>Class 15 Salma</i>
<i>Class 16 Sumaiyah</i>	<i>Class 17 Samantha</i>			

**Best Classes in School-** These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 5** **KS2 – Class 15**

### **Attendance Winners this week:**

**KS1 - Class 6 - 98.7%**

**KS2 – Class 14 - 100%**



### **Weekly Round Up**

**Reception** -The children have settled in to Reception really well and we are really proud of them. This week we have been talking about where we live. We have really enjoyed looking at the photos and drawings of houses sent in by the children and have been creating shapes houses and extremely detailed Lego houses. Next week we are going to be thinking about who lives in our house. In Maths we have been singing lots of counting songs. Next week we are looking forward to sorting by colour, size and shape.

**Year 1 & 2** – What a fantastic start the children have had so far. We would like to thank all parents and carer for ensuring that children are coming to school every day prepared with their spelling homework books, reading books and home school reading records. This is really important so we can read and practise spellings regularly. This week we have had so many exciting lessons. Children have enjoyed drawing self-portraits in Art. They have compared modern and old houses in History and have demonstrated super listening skills during their ‘sound’ walk around the school. In PSHCE children have been thinking about things and people who are special to them. In Science children have investigated materials and have been able to describe their properties.

**Year 3 & 4** -This week, Years 3 and 4 have been continuing to read and write about Beowulf, which is an Anglo-Saxon story. In French, Year 3 have been learning how to greet somebody, and Year 4 have been singing the French version of head, shoulders, knees and toes. In History, we have been designing our own Anglo-Saxon settlement and looking at the features of them. In PE, we have been learning skills to play dodgeball and football. Please see our noticeboard by our entrance if you forget your PE days. Please also remember to bring your child's reading book each day. Children in Years 3 and 4 have brought home a reading record book. Please write in every time you read with your child.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons:** In RE, children have enjoyed researching about Guru Gobind and his teachings. In English, children have enjoyed reading texts related to World War 2 and summarising them. In Maths, children have completed work on negative numbers and how they relate to real life.

**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
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Training day- No children in school
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
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Training day- No children in school
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