

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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

30th September 2022

Our School Priorities

Our school is a very good school working towards being excellent (though I think we are already amazing). Each year we focus on some key areas across school. This is in conjunction with all our other work.

This year our priorities are:

English including reading and phonics which are the foundation of all learning

The curriculum, wider subject and curriculum development and leadership

Supporting children with additional needs and those new to English

Wellbeing including that of the children and staff

Early Years – this time in early education is vital for children to build those foundations to lifelong learning

We have senior staff leading in these areas and a team of wider staff offering their knowledge and skills. We will also at times be asking for your input and support around these areas. This may be questionnaires, meetings, coffee mornings and a soon to be developed parents’ forum.

We are committed to ensuring our children have the best education possible and are happy, safe and well.

Winter is coming- Unfortunately the weather is getting colder and more unpredictable. Please make sure your children come in appropriate clothing for the weather. They need a jumper or cardigan and a coat as the weather can change quickly and we need to start being ready for this.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE ITEMS ARE LABELLED – IF YOU WANT US TO DO THIS PLEASE ASK AT THE DOOR IN THE MORNING.

Can you also send your children in appropriate footwear, sandals are no longer suitable.

Data Collection Sheets – It is very important that you return your data collection sheets as soon as possible, so we have the correct information for your child. If you have lost your data collection sheet, please ask at the office and we can give you another one.

PARKING- The school and the governors are very aware of the parking issues around school and unfortunately we are positioned where parking is very limited. We have very little space for parents to park to drop off and collect your children. It becomes very busy outside the main entrance and can be dangerous if people do not park safely and abide by the markings. The streets around the other school entrances are also very busy at these times and we also have local residents who need access to their houses and driveways. I ask that you park within the permitted areas, do not block resident’s driveways and consider the safety of others and where possible you walk to school with your children.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION WITH THIS

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 Zaynab

Class 2 Avneet

Class 3 Rachael

Class 4 Hurain

Class 5 Chelsea

Class 6 Eisa

Class 7 Kavalli

Class 8 Aerris

Class 9 Subhan

Class 10 Daniel

Class 11 Timi

Class 12 Durr E Sameen

Class 13 Lydia

Class 14 Colby

Class 15 Pebbles

Class 16 Hooriya

Class 17 Lubka

Whole School Attendance for Last Week:

Nursery: 92.6%

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 2** **KS2 – Class 16**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 5 - 98.4%

KS2 – Class 9 – 99.6%



Weekly Round Up

Reception - This week in Reception we have been talking about who lives in our house, our families and special people in our lives. The children have done some amazing drawings and paintings of their favourite people. Please look out for these on Learning Journals and the website. In Maths we have been sorting buttons in a range of ways. Next week we will be comparing amounts, finding the group with most and least. Although the weather is getting colder the children have been enjoying lots of outdoor play, riding the bikes and scooters and den building in our outdoor area.

Year 1 & 2 –We have had another exciting week in KS1. All children are really enjoying PE lessons with our sports coaches who are working on developing ball skills. In Year 1 Children have been investigating how TVs and other objects around the home have changed over time. They have been using key historical vocabulary such as 'chronological order' and deciding which objects are the oldest. In Year 2 the children are really enjoying their topic of Castles and have studied the Battle of Hastings and the Norman invasion of 1066. In Art they have designed a missing part of the Bayeux Tapestry to show the events of the battle. It is wonderful to see children coming into school on their own now and how settled they are. Please, if possible can children be dropped off at their classroom door and be encouraged to come into class on their own. This enables teachers to hear children read on a morning. Of course if you need to speak to someone there are always members of staff available on the doors who can pass on any messages. Thank you to all families who are ensuring that children are bringing their reading books and reading records to school every day - this is a real help when hearing children read in school!

Year 3 & 4 -This week, Years 3 and 4 have been continuing to read the story of Beowulf, alongside our learning about Anglo Saxons in History. In Maths, we are continuing to learn about place value and have been looking at ordering numbers this week. In RE, we read a story about Moses and discussed the key parts of this story. Year 3 have also enjoyed scooter safety sessions this week, where we learned how to ride, as well as how to keep safe near roads. Children in Years 3 and 4 have also received their Maths homework books to take home. These need returning by Friday each week, along with their spelling homework. We thank you for supporting their work by making time to complete these at home.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons: In English, children have enjoyed comparing and contrasting texts and completing an exercise on comparing and contrasting prisoner of war camps with concentration camps. In Math's, children have completed work on adding and subtracting numbers.

Eden Camp - Trips to Eden Camp will start next week. Classes are going to Eden Camp on the following dates:

Wednesday 5th October: Class 15

Thursday 6th October: Class 13

Friday 7th October: Class 16

Monday 10th October: Class 14

Friday 14th October: Class 17

High School Applications - High school applications for children in Year 6 are now open (closing date is 31st 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 21st October 2022

School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 31st October 2022

School Opens 8.30am

Friday 18th November 2022

Training day- No children in school

Friday 16th December 2022

School Closes Christmas Break at 3.30pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School opens 8.30am