

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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

14th October 2022

First of all, a big thank you for being so patient when needing the office this week. Unfortunately, due to staff absence we have had only one member of staff plus Miss Lawson and myself covering for most of the week. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Attendance – We are still aiming high and want to have the best attendance possible, hopefully over the expected 96%. Please find an Attendance Quick Guide with this week’s newsletter. If you require any more information or want to discuss attendance, please ask.

Please remember being at school on time is also very important. It is very difficult for children if they miss morning reading and go into their classroom when the lesson has already started. It can be very upsetting.

Free School Meals – We would like to remind you that all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal. We have a varied menu that meets all food standards and can offer special diets for those who have allergies and medical conditions. Some children in Years 3 to 6 who are entitled to Free School Meals are still bringing sandwiches, we would like all the children who are entitled to these to try them. Free school meals are nutritious and a great way to save you money in these very difficult times.



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 Hareem</i>	<i>Class 2 Ryszard</i>	<i>Class 3 Chloe</i>	<i>Class 4 Abobaker</i>	<i>Class 5 Ethan</i>
<i>Class 6 Ethel</i>	<i>Class 7 Gabriel</i>	<i>Class 8 Daniella</i>	<i>Class 9 Niko</i>	<i>Class 10 Anayah</i>
<i>Class 11 Ariana</i>	<i>Class 12 Warren</i>	<i>Class 13 Leo</i>	<i>Class 14 Bryan</i>	<i>Class 15 Jafar</i>
<i>Class 16 Julia</i>	<i>Class 17 Beatrice</i>			

Whole School Attendance for Last Week:

Nursery: 95.2%

Reception to Year 6: 95.4%

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 11**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 6 – 100%

KS2 – Class 10 – 99.2%



Weekly Round Up

Reception - In Reception this week there has been lots of discussion about the changing seasons. We have used all the wonderful Autumn items collected from our home challenge to create repeated patterns, Autumn wreaths and spiky leaf hedgehogs! We have really enjoyed looking at all the lovely baby photos that have been sent in so far and have been talking about how we have changed since babies. We have had lots of fun washing the dolls in the water tray and talking about how to care for babies.

Year 1 & 2 – In Year 1 this week children have been collecting Autumn objects to use in their learning. They have really enjoyed sketching Autumn leaves and using conkers to help them with adding numbers. In English children have been writing sentences using ‘and’ to describe what the characters in funny bones saw. In Year 2 children have continued learning about materials in Science. They have looked at different objects, explored the properties of materials they are made from. In Art the children have continued with their Art work in the style of Leonid Afremov. This week they completed a tutorial to draw a castle. Children in classes 6 and 7 really enjoyed their kitchen in the classroom workshops, where they learnt about food hygiene and made some delicious treats. See the website for pictures.

Please can we remind all parents/carers to check their child’s book bag for important letters. Many letters for parents evening have been found still in book bags and we wouldn’t want you to miss important information.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have started reading a non-fiction text about the Anglo-Saxons. We have been looking at the features of information texts and have been learning some new vocabulary. In science, we have continued to observe our plants, checking how they grow in different environments (e.g. light and dark). In RE, we learned about Passover and how Jews celebrate this event. In Maths, we have enjoyed adding and subtracting numbers, building upon our place value knowledge from earlier in this half term. In PE, we have continued to practise our dodgeball and football skills and have started to play longer games.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons: In English, children are working on writing a narrative as an evacuee. In Maths, children have worked on multiplying numbers by two-digit numbers. In History, children have used clues from different texts and images to help them understand reasons why Britain won the Battle of Britain and defeated the German Luftwaffe.

Eden Camp - Classes 14 and 17 have thoroughly enjoyed their trips to Eden Camp this week. A big thank-you to all the children for demonstrating excellent behaviour.

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

Friday 27th January 2023

Training day- No children in school

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