

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

***"Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve"***



**4<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Remembrance – collecting for the Royal British Legion** - Year 6 will be going round school with the charity collection. We ask for a small donation for the traditional poppy. The other items are £1 each.

**Uniform Bank** - Next Thursday at the beginning of the day, either outside the main entrance or in the corridor (weather dependant) we will be displaying any spare uniform we have. This is largely from donations but we do also have a small stock of new items with the old school logo on. We no longer use this but it is completely acceptable for children to wear it, as we know many families still have items. Please call to see us if you want a look at what is available.



## **PARKING!**

We are having a lot of issues with parking outside school, especially on a morning and at home time. Strawberry Lane - Spaces outside are very limited and there is little space to park when dropping off or collecting your children. Even if you park legally on either side of Strawberry Lane, it can block the road, as it is so narrow. Parking on the zig-zags and the pavement add to the problems further and is illegal. There is very little we as a school can do but we ask once again that you park considering the safety of others and do not block the road or pavements.

If the road were unpassable, it would make it very hard for emergency vehicles to access school or the Helping Hands Centre over the road. This centre is for groups of people, many with mobility issues who need a disability bus. Some days they cannot get this in and out when they need to.

Middlecross Street - Parking at the other side of school is equally as limited. Please make sure that you do not block pavements and driveways. We regularly receive complaints from local residents who cannot access their own driveway or cannot get out doing what they need to do.

**We appreciate your co-operation with this. Thank you.**

**Staff Updates** - We have said goodbye to Miss Rusling and Mrs Megilley who have both moved out of education into new ventures. We also said good-bye to Mrs Clegg our speech and language therapist, who has also left education. We are trying hard to recruit a new one. Children involved with Mrs Clegg continue to receive support in the classroom where appropriate. We welcome back Mrs Dixon who has returned from maternity leave.

**Worship** – Our new theme is **Compassion** and this week we have looked at two stories reflecting people's compassion. The story of The Good Samaritan and The Feeding of the Five Thousand from the bible. Years 5 and 6 were very lucky this week and had our first worship session in the hall for a long time. This was led by Father Tim.

**Health and Safety Update**- Over the holidays we have had the boilers replaced. This was long overdue and will help us keep warm and more energy efficient. We had a fire practice in after school club, the children were fantastic and left the building quickly and calmly, well done. Over the next few weeks, we will be doing a whole school evacuation and will start to practice an invacuation. Do not be alarmed if your children talk about these different procedures. They are part of emergency planning all schools have to do. These events very rarely happen in schools but we want our children to be ready if they do.



## **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 Lois

Class 2 Tami

Class 3 Mikayla

Class 4 Katerina

Class 5 Melisa

Class 6 Kashish

Class 7 Olivia

Class 8 Emily-Grace

Class 9 Haris

Class 10 Hunter

Class 11 Gohar

Class 12 Zainab Y

Class 13 Aleena

Class 14 Sulaiman

Class 15 Shamas

Class 16 Nayara

Class 17 Alina

**Whole School Attendance for week before half term: Nursery: 81.1% Reception to Year 6: 94.9%**

**Half Term Attendance from 5<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> October: Year 1 – 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 5** **KS2 – Class 15**



**Attendance Winners this week:**

**KS1 - Class 5- 99.2%**

**KS2 – Class 10 – 97.5%**



**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week** - When I visited Reception this week the children were very keen to share their work, it is lovely to see some of our youngest children so excited about their learning.

### **Weekly Round Up**

**Reception** - This week in Reception we have been talking about Bonfire night. We have enjoyed creating firework art including splatter painting in the style of the famous Artist, Jackson Pollock. We have talked about fire safety and made a list of rules to ensure everybody keeps safe during bonfire celebrations. Next week we have a visit from the Teddy Hospital so we have enjoyed setting up a hospital role play in one of our classrooms.

**Year 1 & 2** – Welcome back to a new half term – we hope everyone had a relaxing break. It has been wonderful to see many children returning to school with their reading books and homework books. This has helped us all get off to a flying start. This week children in classes 3, 4 and 5 will have brought home a letter about their exciting Diwali Day workshop – they will spend this half term learning about a range of different festivals including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. This week they have loved learning and performing Autumn poems and finding rhyming pairs in different poems. Children in classes 6 and 7 have been discussing our Worship theme of Generosity. They have thought about the saying, "Many hands make light work." The children agreed that it was important to be generous with their time as well as their belongings. They thought about how we can all help each other by generously donating our time to get big tasks completed quicker! Please remember that on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November children in classes 6 and 7 will be having their special Castles, Kings and Queens Day. Children can come dressed up as a knight, king or queen for this fun workshop. Thank you for all the contributions of £4 brought in so far – without these contributions the workshops would not be able to go ahead. Children can still bring their contributions next week too!

**Year 3 & 4** - This week, Years 3 and 4 have started to read a variety of fairy tales. We have been comparing traditional ones to more modern multicultural ones, often with a strong female lead character. In Geography, we have started to look at what megacities are. We will be studying these for the whole half term. In PE, we have enjoyed starting to learn dance and in science, we have started to learn about rocks and soils.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons:** In English, children have started looking at biographies, focusing on Stormzy's biography. In Geography, children have enjoyed learning about mountains and comparing and contrasting them. In Design & Technology, children have looked at the skills involved in sewing and have focused on practicing the running stitch before making their own bookmark. **High School Applications** - Applications for secondary school places in September 2023 can still be made, so it is extremely important you do this if you have not already. An update from Leeds.Gov.UK states the following: If you submit your application after the deadline, it could be treated with a lower priority than applications submitted on time. If you submit your application:

- by 28 November 2022, most Leeds schools will treat the application as on time (check if this date applies on each [school's admissions policy](#))
- by 31 December 2022, your application will receive a lower priority than those submitted on time (unless we agree you had exceptional reasons for missing this date)
- on or after 1 January 2023, you will not receive a school offer until April, after all other school places have been given out.

**If you need any, help with applying online for a high school – please contact school to speak to Mr Needham.**

**Please could you complete and return the attached survey, it is important we collect parents' views to help us make decisions. THANK YOU**



**Finally we hope that you all have an enjoyable but safe Bonfire Night**



Headteacher: Mrs J Wainwright  
Deputy Head: Mr D Needham

Tel: 0113 263 9292  
Email: [info@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:info@stbartsleeds.org.uk)  
Email: [headteacher@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@stbartsleeds.org.uk)

*"Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve"*

## School Logo, PE T-shirts & Parent Forum Survey

- 1) Do you think it would be good idea to sell logo badges that can be sewn onto plain shirts and jumper?

Yes ( )                      No ( )

Would this be something you would be interested in buying?

Yes ( )                      No ( )

- 2) We have provided one PE T-Shirt free of charge to all children. Do you think it would be helpful if we were to stock plain red T-shirts for you to buy if you wanted a second one or needed to buy a replacement?

Yes ( )                      No ( )

- 3) We would like to start a parents' group. This would be where a regular group of parents could meet with members of the senior leadership team to discuss ideas for school. We want to work with parents as we continue to make St Barts a fantastic place to be for the children, parents and staff do you think it is a good idea?

Yes ( )                      No ( )

Would you be interested in attending a meeting regularly?

Yes ( )                      No ( )

What time of day would be best for these meeting?

In the school day            ( )

After school 3.30pm        ( )

Later 6pm                    ( )

