

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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

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

## **URGENT!**

Do you want your child to start our school in September 23?

**Applying for reception for September 2023**

Apply now! You can apply online until 15 January 2023

Before you apply, find out more at [www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply)

**YOU MUST APPLY EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY ATTENDS OUR NURSERY**

**IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT WITH THIS PLEASE ASK MISS HARVEY OR MRS INGLESON**

**Please help us keep everyone safe:** It is the time of year when children develop the colds and coughs. If your child is well enough, they should still be in school however, there are other illnesses and if your child develops symptoms of these or you are concerned please consult your doctor. We currently have a few cases of Scarlet Fever and this presents as a sore throat, high temperature, headache, flushed cheeks and then a rash. This can be easily treated and children can return to school if well enough 24 hours after starting treatment.

**It is vital that if your child is absent from school you inform us of the reason.** We need to monitor illnesses and we have some very vulnerable children and staff who can be seriously affected by every day illnesses so we need to know if they have been exposed to any kind of infection.

To help prevent any illness or infection we ensure children follow good hygiene routines and this is important to do this at home too. Washing hands with soap and water after using the toilet, keeping hands clean with regular washing or sanitising and using tissues when coughing and sneezing. Tissues should be disposed of and hands washed/sanitised. If you have any questions please ask at the office.

**Worship** – Our current theme is **Generosity** and this week we have continued looking at the story of the Good Samaritan, and how we should show compassion to everyone not just our friends and family. In class worship the children have also been talking about Remembrance.

**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week** - Was spending sometime in Miss Dixon's class. It was lovely to talk to them and see what they have been learning.



## **Well done Gohar!**

**Not only did Gohar win one of our new attendance prizes, he also was one of the headteacher award winners. Well done Gohar and keep up all the hard work.**

**Christmas!** - The dreaded word we try not to use too early. We will be having Christmas parties for the children for the first time for what seems like a very long time. We will also have some live performances. These will be in the daytime in phases. We will share the dates next week and share more information nearer the time. However, we will be limiting the number of people who will be able to attend the concerts to ensure we keep everyone safe.

**Whole School Attendance for week before half term:** Nursery: 86.2% Reception to Year 6: 94.6%

**Best Classes in School!** - These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 1** **KS2 – Class 10**

**Attendance Winners this week:**

**KS1 - Class 2 – 99.5%**

**KS2 – Class 12 – 99.2%**





## **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 Arkanshu    Class 2 Aiza    Class 3 Karolina    Class 4 Rayaan    Class 5 Emmanuel    Class 6 Elaine  
Class 7 Patric    Class 8 Kile    Class 9 Mrithulla    Class 10 Ojie    Class 11 Joanna    Class 12 Peter  
Class 13 Krystian    Class 14 Malaqa    Class 15 Maddelynn    Class 16 Adam    Class 17 Brandon*

### **Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery** - We have done some amazing shape work this week. Outside we have been making and finding shapes. We used the different sized sticks and planks to make triangles, squares, diamonds, stars and rectangles but discovered that we could not make circles with them. We went instead searching for circles and made circles using the skipping ropes. Photographs are on the website. We read the book Night Monkey, Day Monkey, which the children really enjoyed, comparing and talking about the different things each monkey saw. We were very pleased that they still meet up at sunrise to have a chat and a banana. Home challenge: Count how many windows you have at home and say what shape they are.

**Reception** - This week in Reception, we had a very exciting visit from Teddy Bear Hospital. The children loved learning all about the human body, how to care for our bodies including our teeth and even practiced using bandages to create slings. It was a lovely afternoon! We were proud of how well all the children behaved. We have enjoyed playing in our role-play hospital and using the equipment to take care of our soft toys. After showing lots of interest in people who help us, the children have been exploring different emergency vehicles and have done some amazing paintings.

**Year 1 & 2** – This week in Year 1 children have been finding the difference using number tracks. In English, the children have loved writing Bonfire Night sound poems using onomatopoeia words such as ‘bang’ and ‘pop’. In Geography, the children have begun studying Antarctica and have learnt how penguins have adapted to living in such cold places. In Year 2 children have investigated the properties of 2D shapes, in Maths they then found lines in symmetry in that shape. Children have been studying recounts in English and enjoyed writing a recount of their castles workshop. All children have been involved in thinking about ‘Remembrance’ and have completed some thoughtful activities – see the website for photos of these special activities. Please can we ask that if possible parents/carers in class 4 drop their children at the shelter door on a morning. If there are any messages to pass on please can you let the member of staff on the door know and they can pass them on. Thank you for your support with this.

**Year 3 & 4** - This week Years 3 and 4 have been out in the local area looking at different types of rocks, to help us understand more about our Science topic for this half term. We have also discussed Remembrance Day and why it is commemorated each year. In our music lessons, we have started to practise some Christmas songs and we will perform them later in the term. In English, we have enjoyed looking at more multicultural stories with female heroes. We have also been designing a photo frame in our DT lessons, in preparation of making one in the coming weeks. We are doing dance and tag rugby in our PE lessons this half term.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In Science, children have planned their fungi investigation in which they will observe what happens to bread if left for two weeks. In English children have planned and wrote a biography. In Math’s, children have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. **Leeds United Primary Choices** - In Year 6, children attended a workshop delivered by Leeds United on making right choices as a young adult.

**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.**