

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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

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



The weather is starting to get colder and definitely wetter as we would expect at this time of year. Please make sure your children come to school in suitable clothes and shoes. The weather is not a reason for children to stay off school, all children must still attend.

In January, we are starting a new section in the newsletter about how school, the staff and governors are working to improve areas of school. We call these our school improvement priorities and we want to share some of this work with you. The section will be called, ‘**What we are doing to make things better.**’ Below are our key areas for improvement and our new weekly updates will cover these over the year. This is as well as everything else that the staff do to make sure your children make the progress to reach their potential and flourish.

1. **Reading and phonics**
2. **The curriculum and teaching**
3. **Wellbeing of children and staff**
4. **The early years**
5. **Supporting all learners including those with additional needs and who are new to English**

**Worship** – Our current theme is **Generosity** and this week we have been looking at the bible story of ‘Baby Moses’ and how he was saved by the princess showing compassion. The worship council supported Wednesday’s worship by helping to tell the story.

**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week:** Nazarite sharing all her writing in English, especially her non-fiction and fiction about World War 2 work with me. It was great to see such great effort.



**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 Tyler	Class 3 Wesley	Class 4 Sara	Class 5 Aroush	Class 6 Amandeep
Class 7 Michalina	Class 9 Kayla	Class 10 Ola	Class 11 Andrea	Class 13 David
Class 14 Nifemi	Class 15 Arman	Class 16 Daniella	Class 17 Lawi	

**Best Classes in School-** These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 7** **KS2 – Class 16**



**Attendance Winners this week:**

**KS1 - Class 8 – 92.5%**

**KS2 – Class 12 – 97.1%**



**Whole School Attendance for last week:** **Nursery: 79.1%** **Reception to Year 6: 92.8%**

## **Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery** –Another great week in Nursery, we have done lots of sorting, counting and introduced repeating patterns. We are getting to grips with simple patterns using colours, shapes, people and body percussion- clap, stamp, clap, stamp. We have been learning about animals that hibernate for the winter and followed the adventures of Ned the Hedgehog as he found a safe, warm place to hibernate for the winter. Next week we are reading the book Owl Babies and will be learning many owl facts. Also it is the beginning of December on Thursday so we will be putting up the Christmas tree, reading about the Nativity and exploring lots and lots of glitter, sequences and sparkles!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPQRiSTYFHo>

Bramley Library has stories and rhyme on a Tuesday afternoon 1:30-2:30pm

Armley Library has stories and rhymes on a Thursday morning 10:30-11:30am

Leeds City Museum is toddler friendly, with activities and exhibitions to keep them engaged.

**Reception** –In Reception this week, we have been listening to the story Jack and the beanstalk. In drawing club, we have worked hard to draw the giant and his castle and come up with a plan to catch Jack. We have enjoyed building castles using Lego and printing castles with wooden bricks. In Maths, we have been looking at numbers 4 and 5. We have made number posters in small groups. We are working hard to learn the songs for our Christmas concert and cannot wait to perform for everyone.

**Years 1 & 2** – This week children in Year 1 have welcomed the character of stickman into their classroom. They have loved reading the story and looking at different ways stickman was used. The children have learnt about different nouns in English and have then looked at what a proper noun is. They worked together to identify proper nouns from the story of stickman, remembering they begin with capital letters. In Year 2, children have begun their author study of Anthony Browne and read Voices in the Park. The children have been using adjective phrases to describe the different characters that will then lead on to them creating a character profile and character comparison.

**Years 3 & 4** – This week, Year 3 have been reading a non-fiction book about great women who did spectacular things that changed the world. Year 4, have continued writing their fairy-tale stories and will be publishing them this week during their computing lesson. In Geography this term, we are learning about megacities. In this week's lesson, we have been looking at why Brasilia is the fastest growing city in Brazil. In DT this term, we are making photo frames. This week, we are looking at making stable structures and how we can strengthen our designs further. In French, we have been learning the names of different classroom objects.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In Geography, children have enjoyed learning about the mountains in the UK and why they are smaller than other mountains around the world. Swimming lessons are continuing to go well and all children are making good progress.

**Trips** - Classes 15, 16 & 17 have all visited the Veolia Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Centre. Children spent time asking questions about the facility, completing sorting activities and visiting the control room. The children should be very proud of themselves for the exemplary behaviour displayed whilst on the visit. Class 14 will visit the Centre on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and Class 13 will visit on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **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.**

### **School Dates:**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Training day- No children in school**

School Closes Christmas Break at 3.30pm

School opens 8.30am

**Training day- No children in school**

School Closes Half Term at 3.30pm

School Opens 8.30am