

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

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

2nd December 2022

Worship – Our current theme is **Compassion** and this week we have been looking at the story about ‘The Lost Sheep’ and what it is like to feel lost and then found again. We looked at how people show compassion to people who are lost.

What we are doing to make things better – We have started to talk to Leeds Council about the roof, which is old and leaky in places. I hope that next year they will be starting to replace it. This is a big job and will be completed in stages.

Halal Menu - If you would like your child to stop having the Halal option, or start to have it in January, you must inform the office before the Thursday 15th December.



Christmas Dinner - If your child normally has packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner on Thursday 15th December, please order and pay at the school office by Monday 12th December. The cost is £2, unless paying for something else at the same time we can only accept cash. You can see the Christmas Dinner Menu on our website and in the notice boards.



Reminders:

- **We are a nut free school and have several children across school with allergies, some very severe. Do not send any nut-based products in pack lunches; this includes chocolate spreads with nuts. Thank you.**
- We do not allow jewellery in school except small earrings. Firstly, this is for the children’s safety, accidents can happen with jewellery. Secondly, items of jewellery can be lost and this is very upsetting for the children and you. It can also be expensive. Please make sure your children are not coming to school in jewellery.
- **I have had a few incidents reported to me about inappropriate language being used by parents. This is not acceptable around our children and will not be tolerated. This includes when you are speaking to the staff. Continued use of bad language may result in you being asked not to come on the school site.**
- Please remember that if you are late arriving to watch a concert you will not be allowed in. Once it has started, we will be closing the doors.



Parent Voice - Thank you to everyone who returned the surveys. We do appreciate this and want to include parents in school more. Below are the results and next steps.

Question Response	Planned Action
76% said they would like badges to be available	We will be looking at buying badges for you to buy to sew onto your child’s uniform.
90% said they would like school to sell spare PE t-shirts.	We have a large amount of old, yellow, blue and green t-shirts left with the old logo on. From Monday 12 th December, these will be available to buy from the office for £1. We will accept these as well as plain red t-shirts on PE days.
87% thought a parent group/forum was a good idea 63% would consider joining this group.	In the new year we will send a letter out about this so we can start a parent forum in the spring term

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was, seeing what the classes have put on Twitter. It shows children in KS1 reading at home with their reading rucksacks, children working hard in lessons and some of the work they have done. It also links to the website where you can see children singing, reciting poetry and lots more. Why not follow us on Twitter and on our Facebook page and see, what fantastic things the children are doing at school and on visits. The ice skaters looked like professionals!



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!

<i>Class 1 Bojan</i>	<i>Class 2 John</i>	<i>Class 3 Shay</i>	<i>Class 4 Ayra</i>	<i>Class 5 Hamza</i>
<i>Class 6 Brandon</i>	<i>Class 7 Jersey</i>	<i>Class 8 Jamie</i>	<i>Class 9 Grayson</i>	<i>Class 10 Isaac</i>
<i>Class 11 Timi</i>	<i>Class 12 Dimetri</i>	<i>Class 13 Daria</i>	<i>Class 14 Cherish</i>	<i>Class 15 Kelsia</i>
<i>Class 16 Noah</i>	<i>Class 17 Myiesha</i>			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 3** **KS2 – Class 12**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 3 - 90.2% **KS2 – Class 13 & 15 – 97.9%**



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 87.9% Reception to Year 6: 90.6%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – We have been practising for our concert and are very excited that we are going to perform in front of our families. We have started to look at all our Christmas books and have listened to the nativity story. Our concert is retelling the first Christmas when Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. I have added a few links that might be of interest, some events are free and I will continue to try and find fun things to do that don't cost much or even nothing at all!

<https://northleeds.mumbler.co.uk/whats-on/school-holidays/christmas-holiday/festive-days-out-events/>

<https://northleeds.mumbler.co.uk/event/hyde-see-screening-the-muppet-christmas-carol-u-plus-free-family-friendly-activity/>

<https://dice.fm/event/w7dxcg-belgrave-festive-feast-10th-dec-belgrave-music-hall-leeds-tickets>

Reception – This week in Reception we have been reading the Jolly Christmas postman we have enjoyed reading the letters in the story from lots of different story characters. We have been creating post offices in our classroom and have worked hard to write lists of the things we will need. We are looking forward to completing lots of Christmas activities over the next 2 weeks and are very excited to be performing our concert on Friday 9th December.

Years 1 & 2 – This week in Year 1, children have been exploring numbers to 20 looking at different representing and understanding tens and ones. In RE children have enjoyed learning about the celebrations of EID and how it is important to Muslims. They got very busy making their own moon and star to celebrate this Islamic festival. In Year 2, children have worked hard writing their own character descriptions and comparing different characters. In Geography, children have investigated the different countries around the world and their climate. They have found the equator and understand where hot and cold countries are found.

Years 3 & 4 – This week in English, Year 3 have been performing some multi-cultural poems, whilst Year 4 have been looking at non-fiction texts about great women who changed the world. We have started to create our own fact files. In French, we have been writing about classroom objects and trying to put our ideas into full sentences. In geography, we have continued to learn about megacities. Last week, we looked at how Brasilia (the capital of Brazil) was formed and looked at overpopulated areas. This week, we are looking at the positives and negatives of living in a megacity and thinking about our own experience of living in Leeds. In DT, we have designed our photo frames, ready to start building them before the end of term. In PSHE, we have been looking at what bullying is and how it can be stopped if it ever happens to us. Trip letters have gone out now - please return these to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Mr Waters has also had to speak to a few children about their PE kits over the past few weeks. Please remember that children are to wear their red t-shirt that was given out, and should not be wearing any branded tops.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In English, children have enjoyed their first week of poetry where they have read ‘The Pobble who has no toes’ and answered different questions about the poem. In Math’s, children have worked extremely hard on fractions.

Trips - Classes 14, 15, 16 & 17 have now 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 13 will visit on Wednesday 7th December.

Swimming - The last swimming lesson for each class will be next week. There will be no swimming in the last week of term - week beginning 12th December. Swimming will start again in the second week of Spring term – week beginning 9th January.

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 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