

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

20th January 2023

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the children riding their bikes in the playground. They were so excited and it is a fantastic skill to learn.

Worship – Our current theme is **Generosity** and this week we have been looking at courageous people including those from our bible story, Joseph, Benjamin, Jacob and Rahab.

What we are doing to make things better - We have opened the library bus, which gives children a place to read if they want to at break times. This will be used more and more in the future by different children.

Industrial Action – As you will be aware the NEU, one of the teaching unions has voted to strike over the next few months. We are currently looking at how this will affect us at St Barts and whether we will be able to keep every class open. Unfortunately, we are unable to confirm yet whether we will need to close any classes but we will keep you updated and will let you know as soon as we can. We appreciate this is a difficult time and you will be worried about work and childcare, if you have any questions please see Mrs Wainwright.

Safety Alert – We would like to remind you about the expectations around jewellery, in particularly earrings. If your child wears earrings, we ask that for school, they are small studs. In PE if your child cannot remove them themselves, we will use tape to cover them. If you could remove them in the morning on PE days that would be ideal. There has been an incident in a Leeds school recently where a child's ear was badly injured during a PE lesson when her earring was caught and her ear ripped.

We ask children do not come to school with necklaces/bracelets at all. These can often get broken or lost and are best kept safe at home. If they do we will ask them to take them off and they will be kept until the end of the day when they will be returned.

In PE, we will also ask that children tie up long hair, spare hair bands will be provided if needed. Again, this is for their safety. Tying hair up is also a good way to limit the chance of your child catching head lice, which can be a problem in schools.

Punctuality – The traffic around school is very busy at the moment, this is due to the roadworks in the local area, including the major work at Armley Gyratory. The weather at this time of year can also add to the problem. We ask that you account for this when travelling to school, this is important in the morning to make sure your child is not late for class and at the end of the day, including after school club. As you can appreciate, when parents are late to collect their children the staff are then late, and this can mean they are late collecting their own children or miss appointments. We would really appreciate your support with this. Thank you

Number Day - Friday 3rd February - We will be celebrating number day on Friday 3rd February. We will be doing lots of fun Maths activities in school. The day will be a non-uniform day and we are asking children to wear something with a number on if they have anything! We are also asking for a £1 donation that will go to the NSPCC.



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 Kim</i>	<i>Class 2 Miley</i>	<i>Class 3 Trisha</i>	<i>Class 4 Sara</i>	<i>Class 5 Sebastian</i>
<i>Class 6 Rachel</i>	<i>Class 7 Olivia</i>	<i>Class 8 Aaila</i>	<i>Class 9 Phay'zer</i>	<i>Class 10 Hamza</i>
<i>Class 11 George</i>	<i>Class 12 Oscar</i>	<i>Class 13 Brandon</i>	<i>Class 14 Aqsa</i>	<i>Class 15 Teagan</i>
<i>Class 16 Logan</i>	<i>Class 17 Samuel</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 17**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 6- 98.2%

KS2 – Class 15 – 99.6%



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 88.4% Reception to Year 6: 94.9%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - The children love seeing what Jack Frost has been doing in our playground, turning everything white and making the grass crunchy. We have been on ice hunts, finding it in the tyres and the tuff trays. They all agreed the ice was freezing and that it made their hands very cold and they could not hold it for very long before their hands were freezing and red. We are still learning lots about penguins and have learnt this week about some penguins that do not live in the Antarctic but in the Falklands. There are five types of penguins there and we loved watching the Rock hopper Penguins who hop nimbly from one rock to another and have nests to live in and where their eggs hatch.
<https://falklandsconservation.com/penguins/>

Reception – This week in Reception, we have continued to look at different animals. We have been thinking about which animal would make the best pet. We have been looking at where animals live. What they eat and how much exercise they need. The children have been interested in building this week in both the construction area, the box modelling area and outdoors. We would really appreciate any donations of boxes, lids and empty bottles for our models.

Year 1 & 2 – This week children in Year 1 have worked hard to write fact files about the Arctic, focusing on interesting facts and the animals that live there. In Art, children have painted penguins in preparation for their sculpture work. In Year 2, children have enjoyed writing a fact file on The Great Fire of London, including features such as headings and subheadings. In Maths, they have explored money, looking at different coins and have added different amounts. We would like to remind parents/carers that children need to wear trainers on PE days and not boots. Thank you to all parents/carers for remembering to send children in their reading books and wordbooks.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Year 4 have taken part in 'Bikeability' sessions in the playground with the cycling team at Leeds City Council. Some children learned to ride, whilst others improved their skills. In PE lessons, all children have been taking part in fitness classes and gymnastics. In English, we have carried on reading the Iron Man and have been rewriting key parts whilst learning new skills, such as fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, Class 10 have been looking at the method for multiplication. In History, we were amazed when we got the chance to study the oldest surviving note, written in Roman times.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In English, children have enjoyed developing their visualising techniques and investigating how different story starters hook readers. In Art, children have looked at tessellation and enjoyed creating their own tessellation designs. In Maths, children have looked at place value and related it to decimal places.

Trips -The following dates are when the remaining classes in Years 5 and 6 will be visiting Headingley Stadium to take part in 'Cricket in the Classroom':

- Class 16 – Wednesday 25th January
- Class 17 – Wednesday 1st February
- Class 13 – Wednesday 8th February

School Dates:

Friday 27th January 2023

Friday 10th February 2023

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 28th April 2023

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Friday 23rd June 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Training day- No children in school

School Closes Half Term at 3.30pm

School Opens 8.30am

School Closes Easter Break at 3.30pm

School Opens 8.30am

School Closes May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm

School opens 8.30am

School Closes at 3.30pm

School opens 8.30am

Training Day- No Children in School

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm