

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

10th February 2023

It is hard to believe it is the end of the first half term of the year it has gone so quickly. We are looking forward to longer days and better weather, hopefully! Thank you to all of you for your continued support. After half term, we will be nearly full only having 6 places across the whole of school, with waiting lists in many year groups. This popularity is because of our amazing children who set a fantastic example, you the parents and to the staff who all make St Barts the great school it is.

Our School Aim for the rest of the Year

Our biggest ask of you all is we can work together and improve our attendance and punctuality. We expect all children to be in school every day unless too ill to attend and is a legal requirement of parents to bring them. It is the one thing we can do for our children to make sure they receive their full education and reach their potential.

Thank you to everyone who does this already.

Punctuality is also having a massive impact on the children, the class, teachers and the office and other staff. Children just missing 10 minutes a day means they miss the start of the day, their reading and the start of lessons; it is nearly an hour a week. It results in lessons being disrupted for the other children and teachers and the office and other staff are taken away from what they should be doing.

We would also like to remind you that children need collecting on time at the end of the day. We are having growing numbers of children at the office after 3.30pm.

PLEASE GET YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY AND ON TIME – THEY DESERVE THIS!

Worship – Our current theme is **Courage** and this week we have had our last worship on this theme where we looked at the story of Simeon from the bible and the courage he showed.

Before Christmas Ananniya won a design a Christmas card competition. She used some of her prize money to buy a birdhouse, which she has, hand painted beautifully. She has now donated it to school so we can hopefully attract some wild life into our playground. Look out for it in one of our trees!

Thank you Ananniya!



Myself and all the staff wish you a happy half term and look forward to seeing all the children on Monday 20th February.



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 Hafsa	Class 2 Aniya	Class 3 Ibrahim	Class 4 Amira N	Class 5 Mehak
Class 6 Elaine	Class 7 Tami	Class 8 N'Khia	Class 9 Dexter	Class 10 Israel
Class 11 Dante	Class 12 Mohammed	Class 13 Natan	Class 14 Rihannah	Class 15 James
Class 16 Kristian	Class 17 Isabella			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 2** **KS2 – Class 14**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 3 – 97.1%

KS2 – Class 11 – 99.1%



Whole School Attendance for last week: **Nursery: 87.1%** **Reception to Year 6: 95.7%**

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - I feel that we have reached half term very quickly. We have had a wonderful half term, the children are working very well together, we have seen some amazing collaborative play which has resulted in great friendships, reinforced previous learning and then gone on to extend that learning. Communication and listening skills are improving all the time, we are enjoying playing listening games and going for listening walks.

Reception – In Reception this week, we have been celebrating children's mental health week. We have read many stories about feelings and have talked about what makes us feel happy and things we can do to help us when we feel angry, sad or worried. We have really enjoyed looking at the story 'The Colour Monster' we have worked together to create a feelings display. We have listened to our favourite music and have engaged in mindfulness activities such as yoga and mediation

Year 1 & 2 –This week children in classes 6 and 7 have really enjoyed their Great Fire of London Day. They loved meeting a character from the 1600's and investigating reasons why the fire spread. Classes 3, 4 and 5 used their painting skills to paint their sculptures of penguins. They worked very carefully to produce some excellent finished products. We hope you all have a fantastic half term break and look forward to seeing all the children in a week's time.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed their final lesson about the Romans. We looked at what it was like to be a gladiator and how they trained to become fierce warriors. In English, we have been looking at the setting of the Iron Man to create junkyard poems. In art, we enjoyed our final lesson on printing, where we learned about repeated patterns. This has also been children's mental health week. We learned how to keep our minds healthy and discussed things to do to help us be mentally well!

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In History, children have enjoyed comparing Baghdad to Anglo Saxon England. In Art, children finished their Islamic Art printing. In swimming, children have had a very successful half term swimming and they should all be very proud of their accomplishments.

Trips - Cricket in the Classroom trips have been hugely successful. Thank-you to all the children in Years 5 and 6 for their exemplary behaviour.

School Dates:

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