

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

10th March 2023

Snow! - It is very difficult for a school to plan when we have a forecast of snow. We try to balance keeping the school open, especially if the weather turns out not to be as bad as the forecast and keeping the children, parents and staff safe which is the most important thing. We are also aware of the parents who use our childcare. An additional consideration is that many of the staff do not live locally and the weather and road conditions where they live maybe much worse than round school. Fortunately, it is not often that the weather affects opening school but on those days we will keep in touch via text and the website, it is vital we have current contact numbers. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding in these circumstances.

Worship – Our current theme is **Forgiveness** and this week we have listened to the bible story of Zacchaeus and how he received the forgiveness of Jesus and the people.

Play Scheme Easter – There again will be a very small play scheme this Easter during the first week. More details will follow.

Attendance – **Our attendance is continuing to improve which is fantastic, thank you.**

However, Friday remains a significant concern. Attendance is lower on a Friday and this is a worrying pattern. Please send your children to school every day, Friday is not the weekend, it is a school day. Moving forward we will not be authorising any absence on a Friday if we have noticed a pattern in your child's attendance unless we are provided with medical evidence.

Your Opinion Counts – Next week we will be sending a short survey out to ask your opinions about school. This will be for your ideas on how we can improve and for you to tell us what is going well. This is not for personal complaints, if you have any concerns about a specific incident please see Mrs Wainwright or your child's year group leader, or email them, emails below. Thank you.

Mrs Wainwright – headteacher@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Mr Needham – year5year6@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Mrs Ingleson - nursery@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Mrs McCaffrey - year1year2@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Mr Water - year3year4@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Red Nose Day- Red Nose Day this year will take place on Friday 17th March. We are asking children to dress in something red, silly or just non-uniform for the day for a £1 contribution. There will also be Red Nose Day themed buns (50p each) and face painting of red noses for 50p, with some Red Nose Day activities taking place in class.



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 Ismail

Class 2 Naomi

Class 3 Gladiator

Class 4 Katerina

Class 5 Emmanuel

Class 6 Amer

Class 7 Aizah

Class 8 Emily-Grace

Class 9 Hafsa

Class 10 Ella

Class 11 Zayn

Class 12 Vanessa

Class 13 Kleyton

Class 14 Ivy

Class 15 Na-veya

Class 16 Aqil

Class 17 Shantelle

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 11**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 6 - 97.3%

KS2 – Class 16 - 99.2%



Whole School Attendance for last week: **Nursery: 94.1%**

Reception to Year 6: 95.6%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - What a wonderful week we have had, especially the excitement of seeing, feeling and playing in the snow that we brought inside in a tuff tray for the children to explore. They discovered that it was very cold and that it melts when it is handled too much! They were happier playing with the instant snow that we made as their hands didn't get cold! Science Week next week so lots of exploration and discovery!

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been learning all about Africa. We have enjoyed looking at globes and maps and thinking about how we would travel there. We have looked at lots of different photographs and talked about traditional dress. We have listened to African music and played the djembe along to the beat. We have enjoyed comparing photographs of Africa and parts of Europe noticing both similarities and differences. In Maths, we have been exploring patterns. We have used African art as inspiration in the painting and craft areas of the classroom. Please continue to send in any photos of any places you have visited, either in this country or around the world. Just to remind parents, when collecting your child, please keep them with you on the school grounds. Children are not allowed on the climbing equipment in the playground outside of the school day. Thank you

Year 1 & 2 –This week children in classes 3, 4 and 5 have really enjoyed designing their own hand puppets in DT. They have looked at a range of different puppets and are going to be creating their own next week in the form of their favourite story character. In English children have continued their topic of Jack and the Beanstalk and have looked at writing a set of instructions for how to plant and care for their own beanstalk plant. This links to their Science topic of plants and how they grow. Classes 6 and 7 have worked hard investigating time in Maths this week. They have been reading clocks to the nearest 15 minutes and understanding the meaning of quarter past and quarter to. In English children have looked at diaries and have written their own diary based on the story 'A Walk In London'. Can we give a huge well done to Elaine from Class 7 who enjoyed sharing her diary with her teachers in school. What an excellent piece of writing which included some effective vocabulary and perfect punctuation! Please can we politely remind parents and carers to ensure that when children are collected they stay with their adults. Children must not be left unsupervised after they have been collected. Also please can children not be allowed to play on the playground equipment and slide after they have been collected as we would not want any unnecessary injuries to occur. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 3 & 4 –This week, Years 3 and 4 have started to read the story 'Escape from Pompeii', which is based on the volcano that erupted in Italy. This furthered our understanding of our current Geography topic. In Science, we have started to look at the human body and the functions of different parts. In PE, we have been learning different skills to support us playing netball and basketball. Our new DT project is making sandwiches, and we have been practising cutting safely using knives with playdough. In RE, we have enjoyed reading the biblical story 'The Feeding of the 5000 People', which has led us into discussions about morality and sharing.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Geography, children have enjoyed researching human and physical features of Iceland. In Science, children have looked at how light travels and allows humans to see.

Swimming - Water safety lessons will take place over the next two weeks. All children will need to bring their PJ's/shorts & t-shirts (no onesies) to wear over their swimming kit.

Water safety lessons will take place on the following:

- Monday 13th March: Class 15
- Tuesday 14th March: Class 17
- Friday 17th March: Class 13
- Wednesday 22nd March: Class 14
- Thursday 23rd March: Class 16

School Dates:

Friday 31 st March 2023	School Closes Easter Break at 3.30pm
Monday 17 th April 2023	School Opens 8.30am
Friday 28 th April 2023	School Closes May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	School opens 8.30am