

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

21st April 2023

Welcome back to the summer term, the last of this school year. After this week, there are only twelve school weeks until the end of the year. We would really like to see all children in school every day; the only way we can support our children and help them achieve their best is if they are here. It is also vital that they are on time so they do not miss the start of the day. Please support us with this and bring your children to school every day. Thank you.

Industrial Action – We do not currently plan to close any classes or make any changes on the next two strike days, however as we have previously informed you, this could change nearer the time, we will let you know of any changes as soon as we can.

Worship – Our current theme is **Friendship** and this week we have reflected on what a friend is and how you know.

What we are doing to make things better - As anyone visiting the main office or who has walked passed, you will have seen we have had the uneven flags and bricks replaced. This means it is safer, looks great and it is easier for parents with pushchairs or people in wheelchairs to get into school.

Just to remind you - About the government's new emergency alerts system is live and will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. The system will be tested nationally on Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3pm. An emergency alert is a loud, siren-like sound with a message on your mobile phone or tablet screen.



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 Aahad</i>	<i>Class 2 Isaac H</i>	<i>Class 3 Aayan</i>	<i>Class 4 Yusaf</i>	<i>Class 5 Chimamanda</i>
<i>Class 6 Aliza</i>	<i>Class 7 Duaa</i>	<i>Class 8 Jamie</i>	<i>Class 9 Eliza</i>	<i>Class 10 Mia</i>
<i>Class 11 Hamza</i>	<i>Class 12 Vanessa</i>	<i>Class 13 Jenson</i>	<i>Class 14 Heidi</i>	<i>Class 15 Mikael</i>
<i>Class 16 Mazen</i>	<i>Class 17 Kamile</i>			

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 8**



Attendance Winners this week:

KS1 - Class 5 – 97.5%

KS2 – Class 12 – 97.5%



Whole School Attendance for the week before half term: Nursery: 87% Reception to Year 6: 93.3%

Weekly Round Up

Reception – The children have been very excited to be back in Reception this week after the 2-week break. This week we have started our new topic 'what can we see and how does it change?' We have talked about what we already know about plants, trees and other things that grow and change over time. We have been talking about vegetables and where they grow. This has turned into lots of talk about farming and different types of farms around the world. We have really enjoyed making our own super vegetable characters after reading 'Supertato' and printing with vegetables.

Year 1 & 2 - Welcome back to our final term this year. As the weather is getting warmer, we are hoping to get the children enjoying their learning outside more. Many of the plants the children had planted last term are now in full bloom, making the playground look colourful. Please try to encourage your child to name some of the plants that are growing in the planters as it will help reinforce their Science knowledge - they need to know the names of common wild and garden plants. Children in Classes 3, 4 and 5 have started to learn the story of Handa's Surprise as part of their Africa topic. They have thought about the different animals in the story and have looked at using adjectives to describe them. Children in Classes 6 and 7 have enjoyed exploring non-fiction texts as part of their topic on Pirates! They have learned a wide range of new words associated with pirates as part of their whole class reading lessons.

Year 2 SATs - Children in Year 2 will be taking their SATs tests in a couple of weeks. These tests run throughout the whole of May and therefore it is vital children attend school every day. More information will be sent out to families in the next week. These tests are nothing to worry about and are completed in a relaxed way to ensure children feel like it is part of their normal learning in school.

Year 3 & 4 - Welcome back! We hope everybody has had a lovely Easter holiday. This term, we are starting a new History Topic, all about the Tudors. This week, we are doing some drama activities and we are learning about Henry VIII and his six wives. In English, we are looking at sustainability and have started reading extracts from our new class book 'Ways to save the planet'. We are looking at writing instructions alongside this text. In PE, we are starting athletics and in French, we are looking at ways to express what our hobbies are. We have also started our new DT unit, where we are looking at sewing skills.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Geography, children have enjoyed learning about the first ever trade routes (Silk Roads). In Art, children have investigated surrealism art in relation to volcanoes.

SATs - A reminder that Year 6 SATs week starts on Tuesday 9th May. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week.

Swimming - Swimming starts again next week – week beginning 24th April.

A reminder of when each class swims:

- Monday – Class 15
- Tuesday – Class 17
- Wednesday – Class 14
- Thursday – Class 16
- Friday – Class 13

School Dates:

Friday 28 th April 2023	School Closes May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	School opens 8.30am
Friday 5 th May 2023	School Closes May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	School opens 8.30am
Friday 26 th May 2023	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 5 th June 2023	School opens 8.30am
Friday 23rd June 2023	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 21 st July 2023	School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm