

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Despite the slightly better weather, it is still not summer and we have had some children come to school without coats/jumpers who then are feeling cold at break times. Can you please make sure they bring a coat and or a jumper even if they do not want to, sometimes we adults know best. Thank you. Let's hope we can all wear t-shirts and enjoy some hotter weather soon!

**Attendance** – We are constantly looking at improving our school's attendance, this is obviously important for us as our attendance data is something the Governors, Leeds and the DFE look at however **what is more important is our children's education and development and whether they are in Nursery and Reception or Classes 3 to 17 we expect children to attend school when they should.** We know children are sometimes too ill to come to school but we do need children to be in when they can; even with a bit of a cough and a sniffle, these are normal and not a reason to stay at home. Fridays are not an extension of the weekend (we wish they were!).

You will have all received your child's certificate, which shows their attendance from September to Easter, **the national expectation is a minimum of 96%.** If you want to discuss these please come and see Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson, several parents have asked why their child was marked as absent even though they were ill or their absence was authorised. This is because any absence is recorded as an absence regardless of reason; the only exceptions include an offsite educational activity, like a school competition, and an exam for high school.

**Overall attendance for September to Easter was 93.9% - we can beat this!**

**PLEASE LET US TRY TO GET OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE TO THE NATIONAL TARGET (96%) BY THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM AND HELP ALL OUR CHILDREN BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE.**

**Worship** – Our current theme is **Friendship** and this week we have been talking about how friendships need building up and working on and we need to be positive and offer support and help.

**Coronation Celebration Menu** - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Kings Coronation, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2, unless paying for something else at the same time we can only accept cash. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.

**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was** hearing about the cricket team's success at the competition they entered. They came first but what made me smile was how enthusiastic they were and happy to be going, that was before they won! Well done to the team.



**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 Arkanshu</i>	<i>Class 2 Rumaysa</i>	<i>Class 3 Rebecca</i>	<i>Class 4 Elijah</i>	<i>Class 5 Nancy</i>
<i>Class 6 Ksawery</i>	<i>Class 7 Safiri</i>	<i>Class 8 Christian</i>	<i>Class 9 Kevin</i>	<i>Class 10 Liepa</i>
<i>Class 11 Ava</i>	<i>Class 12 Liyu</i>	<i>Class 13 Fiza</i>	<i>Class 14 George</i>	<i>Class 15 Maria</i>
<i>Class 16 Zara</i>	<i>Class 17 Kelvin</i>			

**Best Classes in School**- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 6** **KS2 – Class 15**



**Attendance Winners this week:**

**KS1 - Class 8 – 98.3%**

**KS2 – Class 12 – 97.5%**

**Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 89.7% Reception to Year 6: 89.8%**

## **Weekly Round Up**

**Reception** – This week In Reception we have continued our topic 'what can we see and how does it change '. After learning all about how vegetables grow last week we have been thinking about other things that grow in or under the ground. We have read Oliver's fruit salad and made our own fruit salad, chopping the fruit carefully whilst naming it, describing it and learning about how it grows. We have read the story Rosie's Walk in drawing club and continued to think about farms and their importance. In maths this week, we have been doubling, adding the same amount to find the total. The children have really enjoyed doubling and have been using a range of resources to solve problems both indoors and outside.

**Year 1 & 2** -This week classes 3, 4 and 5 have had a fantastic time at their African mast and dance workshop on Monday. The children used dotting techniques to paint an African inspired design onto their masks - we hope you were very impressed with their finished creations. Check out the website for pictures. This workshop was to develop the children's understanding of the topic of Africa and in Geography this week the children have been comparing homes in Kenya to those from our country. They have looked closely at the materials used to make African homes and how they are different from the houses they live in. Children in classes 6 and 7 have worked hard to write their own non-fiction fact file about pirates. They have used features such as sub-headings to present the information in a clear way. The children have also investigated seaside holidays from the past and have examined old photographs to find out information.

**Year 3 & 4** - This week, Years 4 have continued to write instructions, linked to saving the planet. Our focus for Year 3 has been imperative verbs and our focus in Year 4 has been fronted adverbials. In DT, we have been starting to think about designing our money collectors. We had 2 exciting visitors this week. Our first visitor was from Leeds Rhinos, talking to us about diversity. We also had a visitor from Animal Aid, who told us all about how to care for pets and animals. Ahead of the Eurovision song contest this year, we have been starting to learn a song in a different language. We will be performing these in the next few weeks - make sure to check the website to see ours! In history, we have continued to learn about Tudors. We investigated what Kirkstall Abbey was used for in this time period.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - All children have enjoyed their first swimming lessons back in the Summer Term. Children have made great progress in the pool and they should all be proud of their efforts.

In Year 5 English, children have been looking at persuasive travel leaflets and identifying persuasive devices. After researching lots of information, they have started to write their own persuasive leaflet about Iceland.

**SATs** - A reminder that Year 6 SATs week starts on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable is as follows:

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Reading
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic & reasoning
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning

## **School Dates:**

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