

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

5th May 2023

We hope you enjoy another long weekend this time to celebrate the King's coronation. The children in Year 2 have already started their SATs tests this week and next week is Year 6 SATs week. It is really important the children are in school and on time so they are ready for their tests and have the best start to the day. Good luck to both Year 2 and Year 6.

Worship – Our current theme is **Friendship** and this week we have been looking at the strong bonds made, we listened to the story of The Five Friends who cared for each other, especially when one of them became sick.

What we are doing to make things better. We have started to look at the front garden so we can make part of it into a Science area. Hopefully once the new fence goes up the children can help plan this.

Scooters and Bikes – It is fantastic that we have children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, what a healthy way to travel! However, please remember that we are not responsible for bikes and scooters left in school, especially overnight.

The Diner Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 18th May if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 15th 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.



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 Hafsa</i>	<i>Class 2 David</i>	<i>Class 3 Prince</i>	<i>Class 4 Amaan</i>	<i>Class 5 Isabelle</i>
<i>Class 6 Riley</i>	<i>Class 7 Elliot</i>	<i>Class 8 Daniella</i>	<i>Class 9 Ayana</i>	<i>Class 10 Jordy</i>
<i>Class 11 Elizabeth</i>	<i>Class 12 Adan</i>	<i>Class 13 Rohail</i>	<i>Class 14 Ismail</i>	<i>Class 15 Arman</i>
<i>Class 16 Cameron</i>	<i>Class 17 Beatrice</i>			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 1** **KS2 – Class 9**



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 - Class – 4 – 97% **KS2 – Class 8 – 98.3%**

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 89.3% Reception to Year 6: 95%

Weekly Round Up

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been thinking about other things that grow in the ground. We have planted our own sunflower seeds and talked about what they need to grow. We have worked hard to label parts of a plant and write our own sunflower facts and planting instructions. We have looked carefully at Vangogh's sunflower flower art and have created some amazing paintings. We have a very exciting week next week as we have some chick eggs arriving! We cannot wait to see them hatch. On Thursday and Friday, we enjoyed learning about the King and talking about his coronation and why it is such an important day. We had a fantastic time at our coronation party!

Year 1 & 2 -This week children in classes 3,4 and 5 have learnt the story 'The Ugly 5' by Julia Donaldson. This is a story about different animals in Africa. The children have thought hard about how they can describe the animals and have produced some excellent descriptive sentences. They also included words with the suffixes 'est' and 'er' such as smallest and taller. In Art the children have started their topic of printing and have investigated printing with different classroom objects. They have also looked at making patterns with string and card. Children in classes 6 and 7 have started the story 'The Pirates Next Door. They have enjoyed making predictions of what will happen next using clues from the story. They have begun to retell the story in their own words. The Year 2 SATs test have begun this week and are taking place throughout the month of May. The children have been fantastic so far and worked very hard. It is vital that children come to school every day to make sure no key learning is missed.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been looking at poetry. We have been using the lyrics to 'Wonderful World' to help us visualise what the song is about. In PSHE, we have been doing some role play about what affects our choices when it comes to any money we may have. We have also been looking at nutrition in science, and have been looking at how we can make healthy, balanced meals that are full of the nutrients that our bodies need. We would also like to remind children and parents about homework. Spellings are completed on the Emile app (although paper copies are also available) and maths is currently out of our maths books that we send home. Mr Waters was very disappointed on Friday, as there were lots of children who had not completed this for our Friday deadline. Please support us by making sure your child engages with these tasks at home.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Geography, children have been learning about the importance of importing and exporting. Children have also looked at why the United Kingdom imports a lot more than a country with a warmer climate. In Science, the children are learning all about the fascinating wonders of light. We have investigated how we see colours and why the sky is blue. The children have had fun proving that white light is split into a colour spectrum and is not just white.

SATs - A big thank-you to all the children for their hard work leading up to SATs week starting on Tuesday. Enjoy the weekend, get plenty of rest and sleep well!

It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school next week. The test timetable is as follows:

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

School Dates:

Friday 5 th May 2023	School Closes May Bank Holiday at 3.30pm
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 26 th May 2023	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 5 th June 2023	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 23rd June 2023	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 21 st July 2023	School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm
Monday 4 th September 2023	School Opens at 8.30am