

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

26th May 2023

Sun cream – Thankfully the weather is now improving and as I have, said children are beginning to move outside to support their learning and we are enjoying having breaks and lunchtimes in the sun. Please make sure your children are prepared for the outdoors especially on hot days. If they have sun cream on before they come to school, it will help and we have additional cream in school. Most parents have given permission for their children to use sun cream in school and we will help if your children need it. If you have not, please consider doing so as sun safety is so important. Only if your child needs a special cream do you need to bring it to school, labelled with their name. We also suggest they come in a hat (Labelled with their name) and they must continue to wear school uniform, including a red or white polo shirt, PE t-shirt on PE days - **vest tops are not acceptable**. If you need polo shirts please ask, we may have some good quality second hand uniform to give to you and spare PE t-shirts can be purchased at the office for £1.

Worship – Our current theme is **friendship** and this week we have been looking at how using our friendly voices is important, including in the dinning corridor.

ATTENDANCE - We have had some fantastic weeks this half term and I would like to thank the children, you the parents and the staff for this. It is vital children attend school every day.

The summer term is 7 weeks and I know the weather can be hot but children must still come to school. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their children are in school and you must make sure they are in every day, including Fridays which is not part of the weekend (unfortunately!)

We hope to have a fantastic half term to make sure we end the year with the highest attendance possible. It is never too late, even if the year has not been as good as it could be for your child a fantastic last 7 weeks will bring their attendance up.

We also expect the same high standards in Nursery and Reception. This is so important because those early learning experiences help them as they move through school and it helps establish good routines.

Let us try to make sure every child comes in every day and have the best attendance next half term we have ever had.

WE CAN DO IT!

Parking – Unfortunately, we have had issues with parking again outside school both outside the main entrance and on Middle Cross Street where parents are blocking resident's drives.

The most concerning incident involved a near miss with a Nursery child, where a car parked on the curb did not see him as they reversed off.

BE CONSIDERATE OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS WHO WALK WHEN PARKING AND DO NOT BLOCK THE PATHS.

THANK YOU

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week has been seeing so many children being able to take their learning outdoors including Reception who have been improving their Maths skills and Year 5 have been learning about shadows.



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 Lola

Class 2 Lakshmipriya

Class 3 Blessing

Class 4 Jared

Class 5 Bella

Class 6 Olivia

Class 7 Yahya

Class 8 Aayana

Class 9 Michael

Class 10 Charis

Class 11 Tara

Class 12 Nikodem

Class 13 Nathan

Class 14 Oscar

Class 15 Charlie

Class 16 Kayan

Class 17 Ralph

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 13**



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 - Class 3 & 6 - 96.8% **KS2 – Class 15 – 99.3%**



Whole School Attendance for last week: **Nursery: 87.4%** **Reception to Year 6: 94.4%**

Weekly Round Up

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been recapping everything we have learnt about things that grow. We have made fact books about the chicks and talked about how we can care for living things. We enjoyed thinking about how caring for the chicks was different from caring for a baby, a dog or a plant. We have drawn our own animal life cycles and made observations of our sunflowers and how much they have grown since we planted the seeds. In Maths, we have been solving problems and recording those using pictures and number sentences. Please send any photos of your half term adventures to learning journals; we would love to see what the children get up to during the holidays.

Year 1 & 2 – This week in Years 1 and 2 we have been finishing off our topics of pirates and safari. Children in classes 3, 4 and 5 have created their own African patterns and transferred these onto their printing tiles to make some fantastic African Art. Children in Year 1 and some in Year 2 will have received information last week about the phonics screening check. This takes place after the holidays in the week beginning 12th June. It is really important all children come to school this week. Classes 6 and 7 have enjoyed their pirate day where they have written and performed their own pirate poems. Check out the website to see their fantastic performances!

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed finishing our money wallets. We used sewing techniques to stitch our fabric together and completed an evaluation about what went well and how we would do things differently in the future. In English, we have continued looking at poetry, and Year 4 have enjoyed writing and performing a rap. This week, we also finished our topic on Tudors and completed an assessment to see if we recall all of the key facts that we have learned. In our French lessons, we took a virtual tour of Paris and saw the amazing sites that the city has to offer. When we return from half term, Year 4 will be completing their times table test online, so any additional time spent on Times Table Rockstars over the holiday will be of benefit!

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Art, children have finished their own surrealism volcano pictures – the pictures look amazing! In English, Year 6 have been writing a leaflet about Iceland and Year 5 have been writing reports on volcanoes. In PSHE, Year 6 have been learning about First Aid covering areas such as choking, the recovery position and resuscitation. Year 5 have discussed different feelings and how they might feel in different scenarios. After the half term holiday, the PSHE topic will be Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) following school policy. This is part of the statutory curriculum and if there are any questions please see Mr Needham. Years 5 and 6 loved the tennis sessions delivered by a member of Leeds City Council. Children recapped over basic tennis skills and completed a number of activities.

School Dates:

Friday 26th May 2023

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 5th June 2023

School opens at 8.30am

Friday 23rd June 2023

Training Day- No Children in School

Friday 21st July 2023

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm

Monday 4th September 2023

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Days 2023-2024

Friday 24th November 2023

Friday 26th January 2024

Friday 14th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024