

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Lunches** – Firstly, I apologise for the change to lunches this week but it was unforeseen and out of our control. The children have been amazing and we thank them and you for your understanding. The school kitchen will be back open as normal on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June and we will be on Week 1's menu.

**Emergency Procedures** – Please do not be alarmed if your children come home and say they have been involved in Lockdown practices. As a school we need to make sure that our children and staff know how to act in case of different kinds of emergency to make sure they would all be safe. If you have any questions please ask.

**Science Award** - We are proud to announce that our school has been awarded the PSQM Gilt award. This quality mark is awarded to schools who have demonstrated excellent standards of teaching and learning in Primary Science. We would like to thank all the teachers and children for their passion and dedication to science this year. A big well done and thank you to Mr Emerson, Mrs Parker and Mrs Fields our fantastic Science team.

**Worship** – Our current theme is **RESPECT** and this week we have started to look at what this means and talking about who we respect and why.

**What we are doing to make things better** – Over the half term another class upstairs had air conditioning fitted and I know Mrs Smith's class are very pleased with this, it gets very hot upstairs. Class 1 now has new lights and ceiling, which looks fantastic.

**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was** seeing how well our new children have settled in, this was helped by our amazing children and staff who welcomed them and made them feel safe and happy. It is not easy starting a new school, especially near the end of the year.



## **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 Tina	Class 2 Tami	Class 3 Edward	Class 4 Katerina	Class 5 Jayden
Class 6 Kamdi	Class 7 Musa	Class 8 Mariah	Class 9 Marcel	Class 10 Maya
Class 11 Ambrose	Class 12 Mokhammed	Class 13 Amelia	Class 14 Sonny	Class 15 Amir
Class 16 Milan	Class 17 Lubka			

**Best Classes in School**- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour.      **KS1 – Class 5**                      **KS2 – Class 14**



## **Attendance Winners for week before half term:**

KS1 - Class 3 - 96.9%                      KS2 – Class 10 – 99.3%



**Whole School Attendance for week before half term:**      **Nursery: 89.1%**                      **Reception to Year 6: 95.3%**

## **Weekly Round Up**

**Reception** – We have really enjoyed being back at school this week and loved getting outside in our garden area with the lovely spring weather. This half term we are focusing on story telling. We have enjoyed talking about our favourite stories and what we like about them. We have been using puppets and props to retell some of our favourite stories such as Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Gingerbread Man. In Maths, we have been finding double. We have been working really hard to use our resources independently to solve problems and record our mathematical thinking.

**Year 1 & 2** –Welcome back - we hope you have all had a fantastic break. We have lots on new and exciting topics for the children to be learning this half term. Classes 3, 4 and 5 are learning the topic 'Our World Our Future' that covers areas such as looking after the planet and building children's aspirations for their own future. We will be looking at people from a range of diverse backgrounds who have achieved great things. Classes 6 and 7 will be learning about the topic 'The Seaside' they will be exploring the range of animals who live in costal habitats and about the features of the seaside and how it is different from where we live. Can we please remind everyone that children need to wear their red PE T-shirts on PE days and suitable footwear must be worn - no sandals please. We look forward to our final half term - hopefully with lots of sunshine!

**Year 3 & 4** - Welcome back! Years 3 and 4 have started reading a child-friendly version of Macbeth this term by William Shakespeare. We will be studying this book for the rest of term. You will have received a letter regarding a trip to the West Yorkshire Playhouse to further support this learning. Please ensure that the letter and money are returned as soon as possible. Thanks to those families that already have returned these. We are also starting to look at sustainability and learning more about supporting the environment in our new Geography unit. We are also excited to start learning about sculpture in Art, linking back to our amazing trip to the sculpture park last term. Please note that the children will also be completing a local visit to the park next week to support their Science lessons. Please ensure children dress appropriately in regards to the weather.  
Classes 8, 9 and 10 - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Classes 11 and 12 - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 5 & 6 – Trips** - Both Years 5 and 6 will be on trips towards the end of this half term. We would really appreciate voluntary contributions from families who have not already voluntary contributed – **if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, we may need to cancel the trips.**

**Pencil Cases** - School provide all children with pencil cases (pencils and all appropriate stationary). Some children like to bring their own pencil cases into school and we do not want to discourage them from doing this. However, some pencil cases have been observed as having too much equipment in them. We will be asking all children to limit what they bring in (sharpie pens should not be in any pencil cases) and ask that you also remind the children of this. Thank-you.

**Lessons** - In this half term, children will be reading 'Windrush Child' written by Benjamin Zephaniah. Endorsed by Amnesty International, the book teaches about inclusivity and diversity and brings to life an important moment in modern British History, giving voice to the Windrush generation, and tracing the terrible impact of the scandal right up to present day. There are words used in the book, which are powerful, and some words are racist, but this is in the context of the book and Zephaniah's storytelling of Leonard's experiences of leaving Jamaica to live in Manchester. Please see Mr Needham if there are any questions. Children will also be reading Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England' and watching primary video sources from 'My Learning,' which is a resource website run by Leeds Museums.

#### **School Dates:**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Training Day- No Children in School**

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

#### **Training Days 2023-2024**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024