

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

16th June 2023

Worship – Our current theme is **Respect** and this week we have talked about how it is important to respect and value difference. One of the Bible stories we listened to was 'The Roman Centurion'.

What we are doing to make things better. We have split our front garden into two parts; this is so some of our children have somewhere to play and learn outside and to create a separate space that we can develop into a Science area over the next year.

St Bart's Got Talent! We all know that all our children have skills and strengths and they show us every day in the classroom and events. However, this year will see the return of our talent show. The children will be able to go solo or join a friend or group to perform. There will be auditions and then a final on Thursday 20th July. So if your child decides to take part and show us their singing, musical, dancing or comedy skills please encourage them to practice and go for it!

Unfortunately, we do not have the space to invite you to watch this in school but we will let you know the winners and I am sure the children will be talking about it. We will also put videos of our final acts on our website.

Nursery – We are currently full in Nursery with a waiting list and in September, we have higher numbers than ever for the start of the year. So if your child is three now and does not have a place yet please contact school as we anticipate being full by Christmas, possibly earlier and you would then need to wait until September 2024.

Unfortunately, we do have a number of children who do not attend for all of their sessions, we are a school Nursery and not childcare and by not bringing your child regularly you are taking a place someone else could have. Because of this, we may have to take the decision to remove your child's place and give it to someone else. Attendance at our school Nursery is compulsory and if you want something more flexible please look at childcare options.

Head Lice - Head Lice are a common problem in school-aged children. They cannot be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. Combs are available from the office.

WHAT DO YOU THINK!

We are including a survey today that we would really appreciate you completing, it should not take long and we really do want your thoughts and any suggestions. Please return it to your child's class by Friday 30th June or leave it in the box at the main office.

Most schools do a survey of this kind and it is a quick way of gathering your opinions and suggestions. The staff in school work extremely hard to ensure children at St Bart's have the best education they can and enjoy their time here. However, we know nothing is perfect and we want to make sure we are the best we can be so we of course want to know where we need to improve but would also like to hear any positive comments.

This survey is to gather your opinions across a range of areas, if you have, any serious concerns related to your child you should still come to school directly so we can address these and help you and your child.

Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week is seeing how excited the children in Years 3 and 4 were following their visit to the theatre. They saw back stage and learned so much, I know the rest of the term will be spent using this visit for some of their work in class. It is lovely that the children are starting to go on so many visits again. We hope to carry this on next year, including the special visitors and events for EYFS and KS1.



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 Evania	Class 2 Miley	Class 3 Ranfateh	Class 4 Amr	Class 5 Joseph
Class 6 Isaac	Class 7 Nene - Fouta	Class 8 N'Khia	Class 9 Micheal	Class 10 Hamza
Class 11 Shoaib	Class 12 Hana	Class 13 Harrison	Class 14 Hasan	Class 15 Jafar
Class 16 Yousaf	Class 17 Poppy			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 3** **KS2 – Class 10**



Attendance Winners for week before half term:

KS1 - Class 4 – 99.3% **KS2 – Class 10 - 99.3%**



Whole School Attendance for week before half term: **Nursery: 86.3%** **Reception to Year 6: 94.7%**

Weekly Round Up

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been storytellers! We have been retelling some of our favourite stories using puppets and props. We have been working on our sentence writing and have been working hard to remember our fingers spaces. In Maths, we have been sharing amounts into 2 groups. We have talked about odd and even numbers and what happens when we share them.

Year 1 & 2 –This week children in classes 3, 4 and 5 have investigated what makes a good history maker and have studied the lives of Queen Elizabeth I and Amelia Earhart. They have looked at the roles of these women in History and discussed what they achieved. In DT, children have tasted a variety of fruit to decide what ingredients they will choose for their fruit smoothies. Children in classes 6 and 7 have been exploring charts and graphs in Maths. They have constructed their own pictograms to represent data they have collected - such as eye colour and hair colour of the children in their class. In English, the children have sequenced their story - The adventures of Swashbuckle Lil. They are really enjoying the story about a pirate girl!

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed writing up a chapter of Macbeth in our own words. We were very excited during our trip to the West Yorkshire Playhouse, which helped us with this. Whilst there, we had a tour of the theatre and took part in a Macbeth workshop. In Science, we have been learning about sun safety, which seems very fitting with the lovely weather we have been having. We are also starting our Giacometti sculptures this week and have enjoyed our new Geography unit on sustainability, where we learned why people were not as sustainable in the past.

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

Swimming - In support of the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week campaign from 17-25 June 2023, the children will be taking part in fun water safety sessions in their swimming lessons next week. Class 13's water safety session will be rearranged due to the training day on Friday. Children will need to bring their PJs/Shorts & T-shirt (no onesies) for their lesson (swimming shorts/costumes can go underneath).

School Dates:

Friday 23rd June 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Training Day- No Children in School

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am