

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

22nd September 2023

With this newsletter, you will receive a copy of the results from the parent survey many of you completed in the summer term. It includes our responses in some areas and identifies areas we need to improve. Over the next school year, we will look at addressing some of the points made by you. Thank you to everyone who returned the survey. It is important to us to know what our parents think and how we can improve. If you do have any questions or want to talk to us about anything the senior leadership team are around outside every morning and evening or ask to make an appointment.

Reminders

- Please return the data collection sheets. It is very important we have your current details. We have had occasions when we have tried to contact parents and have had no working numbers. Your child will receive 100 Trackit points and you will go in the draw for the Asda vouchers.
- If you would like to apply to be a parent governor, please complete and return the form by 9am Monday 2nd October. If we have more than one application, we will hold a ballot.
- If you would like your child to start borrowing books from our new library to bring home, you **MUST** return the parent agreement.

Attendance – We have had a fantastic start to attendance, Nursery have had their highest attendance ever and we have many children with a 100% start to the year. Well done!

However, we still have some children who are already causing a concern and unfortunately, this year we will be taking further action and this could lead to a Fast Track process leading to a fine. We have tried hard over the last four years to avoid this but feel we have no further course of action to take. If you need help or want to discuss your child's attendance please see Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson. We really want to see our children in school, enjoying their learning and reaching their potential. We are also aiming to have the best attendance at St Bart's this year and need your support, this includes your children arriving at school on time. Thank you.

Worship – Our current theme is **Thankfulness** and this week we have been reflecting on the world around us and what we should be thankful for. We listened to the song 'What a Wonderful World' to help us think about this.

What we are doing to make things better. Over the summer, a very dedicated group of staff started to develop our outside Science garden. This will be used to support their learning over the coming months and years. We would like to thank Emma's mum who provided us with a lot of the resources we needed for this, it is very much appreciated. It is not finished yet but we are looking forward to the finished result.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was going swimming and seeing Bryan jump in the deep end for the first time, he was a little worried but wanted to do it and he did, more than once, well done Bryan! We were very proud of you.



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 Ruqayyah

Class 2 Alyshia

Class 3 Bojan

Class 4 Miley

Class 5 Aayah

Class 6 Hareem

Class 7 Michelle

Class 8 Dorota

Class 9 Joseph

Class 10 Karen

Class 11 Niko

Class 12 Aaila

Class 13 Raquel

Class 14 Mokhammad

Class 15 Hana

Class 16 Lydia

Class 17 Rafaela

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 15**



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 - Class 5 – 100%

KS2 – Class 13- 98.7%



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 94.3%

Reception to Year 6: 95.1%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery -In Nursery this week, we continued to get to know each other and make new friends. We have shared some of our family photographs which children enjoyed doing. Thank you again to all the parents who sent in the photographs. We also looked at each other in the mirrors and learnt how to describe each other, who we are and what we look like. The children even had a go at drawing their self-portraits. We learnt a few songs: 'Head and shoulders' and 'If you're happy and you know it' and we are sure children will be very happy to sing them with you at home.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been continuing to think about ourselves. We have listened to lots of different all about me stories and have finished drawing our self-portraits looking closely in the mirror at our features. We have been naming our body parts and have enjoyed singing head shoulder knees and toes and replacing the body parts each verse. Our favourite version was back, eyebrow, elbow, and chin. We have been having many chats about our school rules and we have been making some class promises. The children are working really hard to listen when others are speaking, keep our classroom tidy and be kind to others.

Year 1 & 2 –This week children in Year 1 have been reading the story of The Three Little Pigs. They have looked at different types of houses the pigs built and have started to write sentences to match. In our provision areas, children have enjoyed being estate agents and selling different types of houses to each other. In Year 2, the children have been looking at representing different two digit numbers using both base 10 and through drawing their own pictures. We have added some photos to the website of the great Maths they have been doing. In PE the sports coach has been introducing children to the sport of handball. They have been practising different types of throw such as the underarm and chest pass. Please can children come in their PE kits on PE days - all children have been provided with a red T-shirt. Then either tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings and trainers need to be worn.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, we have continued to read the story 'Oliver Twist'. Year 4 have been writing direct speech from the story, using inverted commas to punctuate appropriately. In Maths, we have continued our focus on place value. In our History lessons, we have been looking at what a rich and poor house looked like during Victorian times, ahead of our trip to Armley Mills later in the term. Please ensure you return your letters as soon as possible. In Art, we have continued to look at LS Lowry and his famous street scenes and matchstick men. In PSHE, we have been looking at democracy and what the government does. Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school everyday. There have been lots of children not bringing them in regularly and this means reading time is used up getting new books. Well done to all of the children who brought their homework in on Friday. Please remember that Maths homework books need bringing into school on a Friday and children must complete their spelling task on Emile. We appreciate your support with this.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons: In Art, children have been learning about different graffiti art and practicing their own graffiti art. In Science, children have been looking at Geocentric versus Heliocentric. In History, children have enjoyed learning about the pilgrimage of Grace and whether it was successful activism.

Year 6 SATs Week

A reminder that Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 13th May 2024. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 13th May: Grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Tuesday 14th May: Reading
- Wednesday 15th May: Arithmetic & reasoning
- Thursday 16th May: Reasoning

High School Applications

High school applications for children in Year 6 are now open (closing date is 31st October 2023) – an information pack has been sent home and there is information on the school website (in the news section at the top of the home page). If you need any, help with applying online for a high school – please contact Mr Needham.