

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

29th September 2023

Worship – Our current theme is **Thankfulness** and this week we have continued to look at the world we live in and what we should be thankful for.

Health and Safety Reminder – We would like to remind you about the expectations around jewellery, in particularly earrings. If your child wears earrings, we ask that for school, they are small studs. In PE if your child cannot remove them themselves, we will use tape to cover them. If you could remove them in the morning on PE days that would be ideal. There have been incidents in Leeds schools where children's ears were badly injured during PE lessons when their earring was caught and their ear ripped. We also ask that children do not wear jewellery to school, we have had incidents where bracelets/necklaces etc have been broken or lost and this is upsetting for your child and you, especially if it was expensive.

Give it a try! - Favourites Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 5th October.

If your child is in Reception or Years 1 and 2 remember that, your child is entitled to a free school meal. If they normally have packed lunch and you would like them to try a school dinner on that day please ask at the office. It is completely free!



If your child is in KS2 and is entitled to benefits related free school meals but usually has packed lunch, why not let them try a free school dinner on the themed day? Just complete the form or ask at the office.

If your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 2nd October, 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.

Attendance – Coming to school every day is vital if children are to achieve their best in school. It is a legal requirement to bring your children to school and we expect this in Nursery and Reception too. Please read the Attendance Quick Guide sent out with this newsletter. If you have any questions or need any support please ask to see Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson.

Help us to have the best attendance this year so all our children can get the most out of school!

Play Scheme – Miss Lawson will shortly be sending a letter out about a play scheme in October half term. Our holiday provision is very affordable and in high demand, those families with unauthorised absences from school will not be prioritised for this provision during the holiday.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was talking to the children about the opening of the library and the activities they had taken part in.



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 Tyreece	Class 2 Adam	Class 3 Lilah	Class 4 Oscar	Class 5 Darrel
Class 6 Isheunopa	Class 7 Zamin	Class 8 Lauren	Class 9 Nene Fouta	Class 10 Phoebe
Class 11 Antonia	Class 12 Tamara	Class 13 Ibrahim	Class 14 George	Class 15 George
Class 16 Leo	Class 17 Denzel			

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 13**



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 - Class 5 & 6 – 99.2% **KS2 – Class 13 – 98.3%**

Whole School Attendance for last week: **Nursery to Year 6: 96.6%**

Year 1 to Year 6: 96.9%



Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week we have been looking at different families and patterns in Nursery. We have read the book: 'My mum and dad make me laugh' by Nick Sharratt and we talked to the children about emotions. We shared what makes us happy and sad and it was great to hear all the examples from children of what makes them happy/sad. We have been also developing our gross motor skills by dancing with scarves and ribbons as well as throwing/catching/kicking balls, and jumping/hopping over the obstacles in the outdoor area (definitely a great work out for us all this week 😊)

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been talking about our families. We have been listening to lots of stories about different families and talking about how all families are different. We have been using lollipop sticks to create houses and working hard to draw our families inside. During our carpet sessions, we have been reading many stories about feelings and what we can do to help us feel better when we are angry or upset.

Year 1 & 2 – We have had a very busy week this week in Key Stage 1 with lots of exciting learning going on. All the children really enjoyed the visit from the author in our new library. Check out the website for photos. The children in Year 1 have enjoyed their art lessons this week where they have been sketching self-portraits. The children have been exploring their senses in Science and went on a listening walk around school to record the different sounds they could hear. In Year 2, the children have experimented with colour mixing in art and have been completing colour wheels. In History, they have looked closely at old buildings in Leeds such as Kirkstall Abbey, before they learn about different castles and when they were built.

IMPORTANT:

Please can all bikeability letters be returned ASAP for children in classes 3 and 4.

Please can all children remember to bring in their yellow reading record books to show us the super reading they have done at home. Children who bring these in with comments from home will be awarded with track-it points.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been looking at biographies. We have starting to look at what they are and the features of them. In History, we are looking at crimes from the Victorian era, as well as what punishments were given to these criminals! In Science, we are investigating how far sounds can travel. In French, we are recognising words and applying our knowledge we have built up so far. Children have also been given a login for Duolingo, which is an app that supports French language development. Mr Waters would like to thank all of the families who completed homework last week. Unfortunately, there were quite a few children who did not complete all tasks. Please ensure homework is completed by a Friday as this is the day where it is checked/marked.

Year 5 & 6 Lessons: Years 5 and 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their author workshops in the recently launched library. Children are now looking forward to visiting the library and choosing their own book. In swimming, children are working hard developing their swimming skills. In English, children have been developing their inference skills whilst reading 'I survived the sinking of the Titanic, 1912.' In Art, children have enjoyed making stencils and creating their pictures from it.

PE and Swimming: A reminder that children should be wearing their PE kits (including red t-shirt) when it is PE. Children should be wearing school uniform on the day they go swimming.

Class 13: PE on Tuesdays and swimming on Fridays

Class 14: PE on Tuesdays and swimming on Wednesdays

Class 15: PE on Thursdays and swimming on Mondays

Class 16: PE on Fridays and swimming on Thursdays

Class 17: PE on Fridays and swimming on Tuesdays

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.

School Dates:

Friday 27th October 2023

Monday 6th November 2023

Friday 24th November 2023

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day- No Children in School