

St Bartholomew's News



13th October 2023

Worship – Our current theme is **Thankfulness** and this week we have been thinking about how we should be thankful for the good things even when life is hard, we read the bible story about Silas and Paul. This links with this half term's attribute, optimism.



What we are doing to make things better. The Personal Development Team who are a group of staff leading on children's wellbeing, have created a quiet place where the older children can go at identified times in the day to chat to one of the team, if they need help with anything. This allows them to ask for help or just talk to someone about anything that they are worried about.

Reminders:

- If you use our childcare facilities before and after school, we do not expect you to take family holidays in term time. This expectation is made clear when you sign up for this provision. We try hard to provide parents who need it very cheap, affordable childcare and expect your child to be in school unless they are ill. This also applies to allocation of places in our holiday provision. If we are oversubscribed families who have taken holidays in school time will not be prioritised.
- Please send your children with a coat, at this time of the year the weather is more unpredictable than ever and can change from sun in the morning to cold and wind at lunch.
- All children's coats, cardigans, hoodies or jumpers need to be labelled with their name as the weather can also improve during the day and they tend to remove their outer clothes. It is very difficult to find the owner of an unlabelled red item of clothing when it is left in the playground, a bit like finding a needle in a haystack! If you do not do this at home ask one of us on a morning to label them for you, we are happy to help!
- Please remember that we do not break up until Friday 22nd of December this year in Leeds. We expect all children in that last day of term as we do every Friday. Please check our holiday dates before making any arrangements so that your children can be in school every day. Thank you.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was hearing about our young scientists in years 3 & 4 who are investigating sound. Have a look on our social media pages or website to see what they have been up to.



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!

<i>Class 1 Zaydan</i>	<i>Class 2 Deontay</i>	<i>Class 3 Ryszard</i>	<i>Class 4 Ajmal</i>	<i>Class 5 Abobaker</i>
<i>Class 6 Amira</i>	<i>Class 7 Sreejith</i>	<i>Class 8 Sukaina</i>	<i>Class 9 Letty</i>	<i>Class 10 Isaac</i>
<i>Class 11 Stephen</i>	<i>Class 12 Hunter</i>	<i>Class 13 Ariana</i>	<i>Class 14 Harjot</i>	<i>Class 15 Alex</i>
<i>Class 16 Pebbles</i>	<i>Class 17 Poppy</i>			

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 14**



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 - Class 7 – 98% **KS2 – Class 14 – 99.3%**

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery to Year 6: 95.7% Year 1 to Year 6: 96.4%



Weekly Round Up

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been talking about where we live and what we can see in the local area on our journey to school. We have really enjoyed looking at the maps that the children have created as part of their home learning challenge this week. We have used Google Earth to look at familiar buildings in our area such as the St Bartholomew's Church, Elland Road, The Temple, The Mosque and a range of different shops in the area. We have also been noticing the change in the weather! Next week we will be thinking about the changes we can see outside and learning all about Autumn.

Year 1 & 2 – This week children in Year 1 have really enjoyed their balance bike sessions with many children learning how to ride a bike successfully. The children loved getting outside and were extremely encouraging of one another, which was lovely to see. Children have also enjoyed reading the story of Funny Bones and looking at the adventures the skeletons had. They have looked at the human skeleton and role-played being doctors in our doctor's surgery using the knowledge they have learnt in Science to further explore different senses. Children in Year 2 have investigated different 2D shapes in Maths. They have looked at the different properties of shapes including the number of sides and corners. The children are working hard to develop their reasoning skills so they can explain their thinking verbally. In English, the children have read the story of the Paper Bag Princess and have looked at descriptive sentences to describe characters.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been investigating and measuring volume during our Science sound topic. During PSHE, we have been doing our Mindmate lesson, which has given us lots of strategies for dealing with different feelings. In History, we have been in role as Victorian school children, ahead of our trip to Armley Mills. The following is a reminder of the dates that we go on our trip:

Class 8 - Tuesday 17th October Class 9 - Wednesday 19th October Class 10 - Wednesday 25th October
Class 11 - Thursday 26th October Class 12 - Friday 27th October

Year 5 & 6 - Lessons: In English, we have enjoyed writing our own flashbacks! In Science, we have been examining how the Earth rotates around the sun. In Maths, we have been focusing on division, including completing long division sums in Year 6! In Art, we have been making stencils to go with the words we created last week.

Homework: All children in Year 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to attend homework club every Monday and Thursday lunchtimes. Please keep encouraging your children to complete their homework.

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.

School Dates:

Friday 27 th October 2023	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 6 th November 2023	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 24th November 2023	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 22 nd December 2023	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 8 th January 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 26th January 2024	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 9 th February 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 19 th February 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Thursday 28 th March 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 15 th April 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 3 rd May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 24 th May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 14th June 2024	Training Day- No Children in School
Friday 19 th July 2024	School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm
Monday 22nd July 2024	Training Day – No Children in School
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Training Day – No Children in School