

St Bartholomew's News



27th October 2023

This is the last newsletter of what has been a long half term but we would like to thank all the children and parents for a great start to the school year. The children have settled quickly and have been a pleasure to have in school.

We wish you a happy half term and will see everyone on Monday 6th November.

Please take care over the half term and be responsible near fireworks.

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and hope they enjoy their break, Mrs Wainwright.

Parents Consultations – Thank you to all our parents who attended a face-to-face meeting or requested a call from their child's teacher. It is very important that you have the chance to discuss your child's progress and that staff have the chance to talk to you.

Worship – Our theme this half term has been **Thankfulness** and this week we have been celebrating harvest. KS2 went to church and were amazing; our new school choir are going to be fantastic. We have been reflecting on what we are thankful for including our friends and family, our school and the food we have to eat.

A special well done - To Branden in Year 6. I had a call last week from a member of the local community who said how polite and helpful he was, even giving her a £1 for her trolley when she did not have any change. Definitely, an example of the values we expect at St Bart's. Well done Branden.

Attendance – Firstly well done to all the children who have had fantastic attendance this first half term – KEEP IT UP!

It is vital children come to school every day unless too unwell. This does not include a cold or sniffle; children need to attend school with a common cold.

If children are not in school they are not learning, every hour missed is a lesson lost.

We had a fantastic start to the year but sadly, this has dropped off as we near the end of term, some children not attending because the local high school is off and their siblings are at home, some due to pre-booked holidays where parents thought it would be half term. Please check the school website or Leeds Council website before booking holidays. They will not be authorised, you will be fined and places at BC and ASC may be withdrawn.

Lateness is also a problem for your child and school – it results in missed learning and is very upsetting for your child who needs to walk into a lesson that has already started. It also means staff are taken away from helping children to help the children who are late. Attendance certificates will be given out in the first week back, including minutes lost due to lateness. We hope that the next half term will be a fantastic seven weeks for everyone and we get the best attendance yet.

Please remember we do not break up until Friday 22nd December this year and we expect children to attend until that date.

If you want to discuss your child's attendance or have, any questions please see Mrs Wainwright or Miss Lawson or your child's year group leader.



In It to Win It!

Every child who is in school every Friday for the 7 weeks of the next half term will go into the prize draw to win the hamper with lots of food and essentials including a £50 Asda voucher.

Great British Brunch Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 10th November, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 6th November, 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.



Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed has been taking class 14 swimming. I have seen the children grow in confidence and my group has already moved to the deep end. Well done class 14.



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 Mujtaba</i>	<i>Class 2 Aihan</i>	<i>Class 3 Kim</i>	<i>Class 4 Dennis</i>	<i>Class 5 Daniel</i>
<i>Class 6 Demilade</i>	<i>Class 7 Brycen</i>	<i>Class 8 Ahmed</i>	<i>Class 9 Kevalli</i>	<i>Class 10 Mariah</i>
<i>Class 11 Ella</i>	<i>Class 12 Vivien</i>	<i>Class 13 Avah</i>	<i>Class 14 Dimetri</i>	<i>Class 15 Ava</i>
<i>Class 16 Shannel</i>	<i>Class 17 Roni</i>			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 4** **KS2 – Class 8**



Attendance Winners for last week:

KS1 - Class 7 – 98.4% **KS2 – Class 15 – 99.3%**



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery to Year 6: 94.4% Year 1 to Year 6: 95.3%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - In Nursery this week, we have been exploring pumpkins. The children loved looking at them, describing and painting them. We have been ordering them according to their size and checking which ones are heavy and light. We opened them up and saw what was inside. The children learnt a pumpkin song and experimented making strong fences for our munchkin pumpkins. We have also talked about fire safety, as there is a Bonfire Night during the half term break.

Reception – This week in Reception, we had a very exciting visit from Little City! The children had such an amazing time engaging in role-play taking on different jobs such as police officers, hairdressers, mechanics and shopkeepers. The children have been keen to share which people who help us they would like to learn about after the holidays. After exploring, the pumpkins last week the children have worked really hard to write about what they could see. We are so proud of how well the children are doing with their phonics and were really impressed to see some words and simple sentences in their writing.

Year 1 & 2 – This week in Year 1, the children have read the story 'After the Fall', about how Humpty Dumpty overcame his fear of heights. Children have thought about how they have been brave and who can help them if they feel scared about something. In Science, the children are focusing on the season of Autumn. They are looking for signs of Autumn outside and have been observing the changes to the trees. They have looked at how the weather is becoming colder and the days are shorter. It would be fantastic if children could collect some signs of Autumn over the holidays such as conkers or fur cones etc for our Science areas in class. Children in Year 2 have really enjoyed their Knights, Kings and Queens Day to celebrate their learning this term about Castles in Norman times. The children started the day with a fashion show of their fantastic outfits. They made their own artistic crowns looking at the crown jewels for inspiration and looked at the meaning behind different shields. The children explored what a coronation is and used video clips of King Charles and Queen Elizabeth to see what happens in a coronation. Finally, they made some royal biscuits and took part in a Royal Dance. Please see the photos on the school website of their super day! Thank you to all who have returned the money and replies for Skipton Castle after the holidays - it is very much appreciated.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been celebrating Black History month, by looking at Isata Kanneh-Mason (an amazing musician) and Maggie Pockock (an astronomer). We have also completed some end of topic assessments, so that our teachers can plan for next half term. We have also held our auditions for our Christmas production, so please prompt children to learn their lines over half term! Classes 10, 11 and 12 also enjoyed their trip to Armley Mills, where they attended a Victorian schoolroom to experience the differences in growing up in that era. We also looked around the museum to help us learn more about the time period.

Year 5 & 6- Lessons: In Science, we have completed our post topic assessment on Earth, Sun and Moon – it was great to use our knowledge of the topic to complete it. In Geography, we have been identifying the longest rivers in the world. In English, we have been writing a summary using headlines as prompts.

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

The deadline for High school applications is 31st October. Please remember to complete the application before the deadline!

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

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
Monday 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