

St Bartholomew's News



1st December 2023

Worship – Our current theme is **Trust** and this week we have been reflecting on our friendships and how they are people we trust but can sometimes let us down and how our faith and trust in God is always strong.

What we are doing to make things better - We are just preparing for our Science Mural, which will cover the large wall at the bottom of the big playground. This will make the school look better but will also be educational and promote Science in school.

A Christmas gift for the ASC staff - Just to ask that if your child attends after school club on a Friday that you collect them on the last day of term, Friday the 22nd December as soon as you can. This would be greatly appreciated so the staff can hopefully leave a little earlier to start preparing for Christmas with their families. We would really appreciate your support with this, thank you.

Christmas – Please see the attached leaflet about our Christmas events.



Christmas Dinner will be served on Friday 22nd December; this will be a lovely end to the year. If you want your child to have a dinner that day and they usually have packed lunch, it can be ordered and paid for at the office by Friday 15th December. Please ask at the office.

Christmas raffle tickets go on sale on Monday 4th December – the two main prizes are a ride on toy car and a Christmas food hamper. There are many other prizes to be won.

Attendance – This is a long half term and we expect everyone to be here on time right up to Friday 22nd December. On Friday 22nd we will give out attendance postcards and 100 Track-it points for a great half terms attendance and certificates and prizes for a fantastic term. Children need to be here to receive these.

IN TO WIN!

We will also be drawing the Friday attendance raffle. All children who have been in school every Friday since half term will have a chance of winning. The prize is a food hamper and an Asda voucher. There is also a draw for everyone who has reached our 96% target this half term. The winner of that receives a £100 Just Eat voucher. Again if not in school on that day we will draw another name.

URGENT IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS ASC/BC OR HAS PAID SCHOOL LUNCHES please read this message from Mrs Wainwright

Late Payments – We do not like to continually ask for payments for after school club, breakfast club and school lunches but we need these paying on a Monday, either before school or at 3.20pm at the end of the day. You could always pay on a Friday for the next week or pay in advance. We allocate Monday for processing the payments and banking any money. It takes a considerable amount of time to do this and the staff in the office have too much to do to continue chasing payments and we cannot run these provisions if parents do not pay. We no longer accept payments after 3.30pm in ASC because all the staff are with the children and they cannot keep leaving ASC to take payments. If we need to allocate a member of staff to take payments, we would have to reduce the number of children we offer a place to.

From January, we will withdraw your child's place if you pay late and you will have to find alternative arrangements. If you do not pay for lunches, we will ask you to provide a packed lunch for your child.

It is also unacceptable that a few parents become upset and angry with the office staff for asking for late payments. Please see me if you want to discuss anything.

It is with great sadness that I am now considering closing these provisions or handing them over to a private company in September. I personally set BC/ASC up over 20 years ago as I believed in providing you cheap/affordable childcare in a provision run by school staff just for our children. However, it is now becoming too difficult to manage the many late payments every week.

Primary School Application - If your child is due to start Reception in September 2024 please make sure, you complete the online application on or before 15th January 2024. If you require any help with your application, please contact Mrs Drake in the school office as soon as possible.



Christmas Jumper Day - We are celebrating the day on **Friday 8th December** not Thursday 7th as we have children out on a visit that day who want to join in. Children can wear a Christmas top, jumper, or non-uniform and bring in a £1 for **Save the Children**.



If you have any old Christmas tops/jumpers that do not fit your children any more we would happily take them to pass onto a child who does not have one.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing Gohar and Morayo from class 14 jump in the deep end and swim 10m without any float. They have only been in the deep end for a short while and overcome their fear very quickly. Well done!



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 Zahran</i>	<i>Class 3 Naomi</i>	<i>Class 4 Oscar</i>	<i>Class 5 Dare</i>
<i>Class 6 Ranfateh</i>	<i>Class 7 Surafial</i>	<i>Class 8 Jason</i>	<i>Class 9 Kateeja</i>	<i>Class 10 Elaine</i>
<i>Class 11 Jordan</i>	<i>Class 12 Finn</i>	<i>Class 13 Faizan</i>	<i>Class 14 Nataniel</i>	<i>Class 15 Monroe</i>
<i>Class 16 Eliza</i>	<i>Class 17 Daria</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 5 - 98% **KS2 – Class 12 – 99.6%**



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 94.2% **Reception to Year 6: 96.1%**

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - In Nursery, we have been learning about birthdays. We have read 'Kipper's Birthday' and made lots of birthday artwork (decorated cakes and painted balloons). We looked at Mystery Balloons and tried to guess what was inside them. We wrote birthday cards and explored water beads in the water tray. The children had decorated the birthday biscuits and enjoyed eating them after we had a little birthday dancing party for Kipper. Apart from birthdays, we have also learnt positional language and in phonics, we listened to noises The Noisy Neighbour made.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been listening to the story The Gingerbread Man. We have enjoyed making salt dough gingerbread people to turn into Christmas tree decorations in the next few weeks. We have used puppets and masks to retell the story and have made our own stick people and playdough characters from the story. We have been very busy mathematicians this week and have been exploring different ways to make cubes. We have printed, collaged, drawn and used cubes to show different ways of making 4. Please see learning journals for photos. We are working hard on our Christmas concert and there is a lot for us to remember. Please practice any lines your child has at home using a loud voice.

Year 1 & 2 – In Maths Year 1 have been learning about shape, they have learnt the names of 2D and 3D shapes and have been matching the names to the shapes in provision. In Science they have continued to learn about materials thinking about their properties and in Geography, Year 1 have compared the Antarctic and the Arctic. They looked at the different animals that could be found in each place and discovered that the Arctic is made of ice and so melts. Year 2 have started reading Voices in the Park by Anthony Brown in English, pupils will be comparing characters and have been working really hard on using the conjunctions of but and because. In Math's pupils have continued building their knowledge of basic functions using ten frames to add and subtract, first practically, then pictorially. In computing pupils have been programmers, writing algorithms and de-bugging them when they don't work properly, pupils independence has really improved in programming already this half term.

Year 3 & 4 - This week, Years 3 and 4 have been busy practising our Christmas production. We have been learning our lines and learning songs ready to perform in a few weeks. Year 4 have been practising all of their times tables in maths, and in RE, we have been looking at special places in the community. In computing lessons, we have started to design our times table games on scratch and in science we have continued to learn about solids, liquids and gases. We have had fun rewriting and redrafting our scary stories in English lessons.

Year 5 & 6 - Lessons: In English, we have been writing our own scary stories. In Geography, we completed a debate on whether the Three Gorges Dam has a positive or negative effect on the world. In Science, we have completed our own parachute investigation testing air resistance.

Math's City - A group of Year 6 children (with Miss Christie and Mr Middleton) visited Math's City in the Trinity Centre and thoroughly enjoyed their time. Children had to complete practical investigations and well done to Bryan who was the overall winner of the visit!

Homework - A reminder that homework is now set on a Monday and the deadline for completing homework will be the following Monday. Children who do not complete their homework will be expected to attend Homework Club on a Monday lunchtime.

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

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Friday 22nd December 2023

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 8th January 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 26th January 2024

Training Day- No Children in School

Friday 9th February 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 19th February 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Thursday 28th March 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 15th April 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 3rd May 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Tuesday 7th May 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 24th May 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 3rd June 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 14th June 2024

Training Day- No Children in School

Friday 19th 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