

St Bartholomew's News



15th December 2023

Worship – our current theme is **Trust** and this week we again took time for reflection about the people who we trust.

What we are doing to make things better - The new Science wall in the playground has gone up and looks great, much better than the plain wall, the children have already started to learn more about Science from it.

Donate – We are still accepting donations of good quality uniform. We are also asking for any coats if you have any you no longer need because your children have grown out of them.

If you do need any support with uniform, clothing items or any other help please ask Miss Lawson or Mrs Wainwright and we will do all we can.



Jumper Day – On jumper day, we raised £283.51 thank you to everyone who donated.

Milk – If you would like your child to have milk next term the slips and money must be returned by Monday 18th December, no late payments will be accepted, as we have to order for the whole term from the company.

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.

URGENT

Friday 22nd December



We break up so late this year and we all have to come to school so we have decided to make it a fun day in classes. Children and staff can come in non-uniform or Christmas clothes (another chance to wear those Christmas jumpers if you have one!) For those who have a school dinner and for all those children and staff who have ordered one it will be served that day with hopefully a little music, Christmas cheer and a Christmas cracker. We will be awarding attendance certificates and awards for those with great attendance this half term and full term.

There will also be the attendance draws for all those children who have been on school every Friday this half term. The prize is a hamper including a £50 Asda voucher. Everyone who has attendance of 96% or above this half term will go into the draw for the Just Eat voucher. We also have the Christmas raffle draw. The two big prizes, the drive on car and hamper will be drawn first and then as the children's tickets are drawn out they will be asked to come and pick one of our many prizes. Finally, you will spend the last day of the term, of the school year in class with your friends and teachers having a good time before the two-week break.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was - watching the children in their Christmas performances, they were amazing. It was fantastic to see so many of you join us as we returned to live Christmas performances.

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 91.3%

Reception to Year 6: 95.6%



Weekly Round Up

Nursery - In Nursery this week, we continued to learn about Christmas. Our focus story has been 'The Gingerbread Man'. We made different sized gingerbread man out of playdough that smelled like real gingerbread man cookies. We counted out buttons and added them to gingerbread man. We filled the water tray with oranges and brussels sprouts. The children continued to wrap presents and write a Christmas list and Christmas cards. Our song of the week has been '5 little gingerbread man'. We just wanted to say -what an amazing performance we had on Wednesday! The children were amazing and we are all very proud of them.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been very busy! The Christmas concert was amazing and we are so proud of all the children for getting up on stage, saying their lines, singing the songs and doing some fantastic dancing! Thank you to all the parents that attended the concert. It was a lovely afternoon. In drawing club, we have been listening to the story stick man. The children love the part when Santa is stuck in the chimney and have been drawing some wonderful pictures of Santa and his sleigh. We have also been busy making our cards and calendars and the children cannot wait to take them home next week.

Year 1 & 2 - What an exciting week we have had. The children were really proud of their performance on Tuesday and really enjoyed performing the Christmas story and dances for you all. The video of the performance is available on the website. Children have been getting into the festive spirit this week and many classes have started making their Christmas cards and calendars that they will be bringing home next week. Children in Year 1 have enjoyed role-play in Santa's Workshop and have visited the Christmas shop in Maths where they have looked at money and the cost of different Christmas items. In Year 2 Children have constructed their Castles in Design Technology using effective joining techniques.

PARTY TIME!!!! On Monday the 18th December, children can come into school in their party clothes as it is our KS1 Christmas Party afternoon.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed performing our Christmas show to parents! We hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoying being up on stage! In English, we have been practising our reading aloud with Christmas themed poems. We have also tried writing our own. In Science, we learned how to keep ice frozen for longer by completing an investigation. In RE, we have been learning the Christmas story. Classes 9 and 10 also visited the West Yorkshire Playhouse to see our performances of Oliver!

Year 5 & 6 – Christmas Party Day - We will be having our Christmas Party day on Thursday 21st December, which will include a disco at some point in the day. Children can wear non-uniform.

Lessons - In Geography, we have been investigating flooding in Bangladesh and what can be done to stop it in the future. In English, we have been reading and performing 'The Highway Man' and then writing our own version of the poem.

Swimming - There will be no swimming lessons next week. Swimming lessons will start again in the second week of Spring Term (week beginning 15th January). Thank-you to all the children for their efforts in the pool in Autumn Term.

Homework - Thank-you to all the children who completed tasks in the Autumn Term Homework Challenges Sheet. There will be a Spring Term Homework Challenge Sheet handed out during the week beginning 8th January.

Homework will not be set next week, but we would love children to continue using Reading Plus at home next week and during the holidays.

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