

# St Bartholomew's News



**22nd December 2023**

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*Please remember this is our last paper newsletter. Starting in January newsletters will be emailed and will be available on our website and other social media. Please make sure we have your email address or you may miss important information.*

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**Worship** – This week we held our Christmas worship in St Bartholomew's Church for KS2. The children presented the story of Christmas and we reflected and said prayers for all the people and children around the world who are currently suffering and are not as fortunate as we are.

**Healthy Schools** – We were very pleased to be awarded the Healthy Schools Status. We are proud of our school and all our children and staff. We work hard to create a safe and happy environment for all our community and this award recognises the achievements across all assessment areas. Thank you to the parents who attended the assessment day and spoke to the ASSESSOR. Please see the report sent out with this newsletter.

**Political Impartiality** – As a school we are expected to maintain political impartiality and not take sides which relate to any political event or conflict. To support this we expect all staff, visitors, children and parents to refrain from wearing anything which supports a particular political party, group or ideology when in the main school building. This is not a reflection of staffs individual views or a judgement on anyone else's but is an expectation and very important where we have people in our community with different and opposing views. In school we do not teach politics (this will start in high school) but do when appropriate, respond to world events. When doing this we do it in an age appropriate way, considering all those affected and focus on respect, equality and caring for others. Through other topics taught in PSHE, RE, wider curriculum and in daily worship we promote these and the British Values that underpin our lives.

We continue to support individual children and families directly affected by world events and conflicts and this is done in a variety of ways appropriate to the needs of those individuals.

This approach helps school to maintain the very safe, caring and happy place we have created for our children to learn and thrive in.

**Theme Day 18<sup>th</sup> January** – We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like the theme menu please order and pay at the office by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. 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.

All children in reception to year 2 and any KS2 children entitled to FSM will be offered a meal that day as an opportunity to try them out. If you want to they can still bring their packed lunch or you can just let them try a school dinner that day. Remember taking your child's entitlement to free school meals will save you money every week.

**Thank you-** To all the parents who have donated clothes and gifts to school for us to pass on to children who need them. We would like to say a big thank you to Sarah Hoyle from Cloud 9 Nails who has kindly donated £200 to school collected from her customers over the Christmas period. We would also like to thank New Wortley Community Centre, the Yorkshire Children's Charity, David from DC Plumbing and Building and Leeds City Mission and Bethel Free Church for all their donations and support.

**Support-** If you need support over the holidays, please email [cp@stbartsleeds.org.uk](mailto:cp@stbartsleeds.org.uk)

## Attendance

**DO NOT FORGET WE START BACK ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AND WE EXPECT ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL AND ON TIME.**

We will again be promoting and rewarding great attendance at school. Next term we will continue to give our postcard and Track-it points for the half term, certificates, and prizes for the term.

We will also be running the 'In to Win' Friday raffle and all children with 96% or over each half term will go into a raffle. More information will follow in the New Year.

BCL, the consultancy firm who support us with attendance are also running a raffle across several local schools and all children with 100% attendance for the term will go in to a raffle for a weekend trip to Blackpool.

**Children do need to be in school and we as parents have a legal duty to make sure our children are in school every day unless too ill to attend. We will do anything we can to help to make sure your children can come to school. The most important reason for attending is the children need to be here to learn and develop social skills and friendships. It is very difficult for children to catch up with missed learning. This includes coming to school on time, it can be very upsetting for children to go in to lessons that have already started.**

**For St Bart's attendance in Nursery and Reception is just as important and we have the same expectations, in EYFS they are building the foundations of the children's future success in school. As Nursery becomes full, we will be talking to parents who do not bring their children regularly.**

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing all the children enjoy their parties, it is lovely to see them having such a good time. Oh to be young again!!

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 87%

Reception to Year 6: 94.7%

## Season's Greetings



All the staff at St Bart's would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To all our families who celebrate Christmas we hope you have a great time and for those who do not we hope you enjoy some time away from school with your family and friends. As we reflected in church, our thoughts and prayers are with the people around the world less fortunate than ourselves.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

### **School Dates 2023 - 2024:**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

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**Training Day- No Children in School**

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