

# St Bartholomew's News



**19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Worship** – Our current theme is **Perseverance** and this week we have been reflecting on things we need to persevere with to achieve our goal or get better at it.

The weather is currently very cold, as you would expect at this time of the year and some children are not coming prepared for this. All children need a coat and jumper or cardigan. If you need support with winter coats, gloves or other items please come and ask Miss Lawson or Mrs Wainwright and we will see how we can support you.

## In it to win!

Remember our special raffle for:

- Being in school every Friday.
- Being in school everyday in the last week.
- Having over 96% attendance

Any children meeting these targets will go in the raffle to win a voucher. It could be you! Remember this includes being in school on time.

**Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week** has been working in class 15 and seeing the start of their art project. They worked really hard and were very excited as it linked to their visit to The Deep.



## 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!

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| <i>Class 1 Haleema</i>  | <i>Class 2 Lissa</i>       | <i>Class 3 Jackson</i> | <i>Class 4 Rumaysa</i>   | <i>Class 5 Abobaker</i>  |
| <i>Class 6 Suzie</i>    | <i>Class 7 Amira</i>       | <i>Class 8 Candace</i> | <i>Class 9 Libby</i>     | <i>Class 10 Lwandile</i> |
| <i>Class 11 Marcel</i>  | <i>Class 12 Sam</i>        | <i>Class 13 Israel</i> | <i>Class 14 Emmi-Rae</i> | <i>Class 15 Codi</i>     |
| <i>Class 16 Olumide</i> | <i>Class 17 Lilly-Rose</i> |                        |                          |                          |

**Best Classes in School**- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 1** **KS2 – Class 15**



**Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 - Class 7 - 98%**

**KS2 – Class 16 - 99.4%**

**Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 94.2%**

**Reception to Year 6: 94.1%**



## Weekly Round Up

**Nursery** - We have been excited to welcome all the children back after Christmas break. Our topic for this half term is 'The world around us' and our main focus is Winter and arctic animals. In the first week back we have been talking about winter season, how the weather has changed, what clothes we should be wearing when going outside and what happens to the animals during winter. This week we looked at penguins, where they live, what they look like and what they do. We explored ice both indoors and outdoors. In phonics, we started looking at our names and practised copying initial sounds. We also looked at rhyme and sang lots of rhyme songs, read rhyming stories and tried to find rhyming friends. In Maths, we did lots of counting, found matching gloves. We also looked at new concepts: floating and sinking. Our role-play turned into the South Pole, where children wear hats and gloves to keep themselves warm, build igloos and do fishing.

**Reception** –This week in Reception, we have begun our new topic where can we go and how can we get there? We have been recapping where we live and finding Leeds on the map. We have been talking about England and the capital city. We have been asking questions about what we would like to find out about London and the landmarks. Many children have been using blocks to create London landmarks and comparing them to some of the buildings we have seen in our city. We are looking forward to learning more about London next week. If you have ever been to London, please send pictures to Learning Journals.

**Year 1 & 2** - This week the children in Year 1 have really enjoyed learning different poems about the season of winter. They have been learning how to retrieve information from the poems and answer questions about them. The children have used their oracy skills to practise and perform the poems, thinking about how they use their voice to be heard. In Year 2, the children have started their topic on the Great fire of London and have studied poems written about this event. They have looked at the meanings of old language and used their inference skills to say what lines in the poem are referring to. We were very impressed as the children then wrote their own senses poem based on The Great Fire of London.

**Year 3 & 4** – Over the past two weeks, we have started a new topic, learning about the Stone Age. In English, Year 3 have been reading the story 'Stone Age Boy', and Year 4 have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom. In History, we found out more about the Stone Age era by dissecting 'poo', as well as looking at changes over the period of time. This term in PE, we have starting our new topics: Fitness and gymnastics. In PSHE, we are learning all about healthy and unhealthy foods that we eat, as well as learning about ethical farming.

**Years 3 and 4 Bikeability** - Unfortunately the team that run our sessions have delayed the sessions. The new dates will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. All signed letters will be used for the new dates. Thank you for your understanding.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In History, we have started our topic of the Viking and learning about the raid on Lindisfarne. In English, we have been enjoyed writing an explanation text on the water cycle.

**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 briefing** - We will be holding a SATs information evening for parents/carers on Wednesday 31st January. The event will start at 6pm and will last no longer than one hour.

**Year 6 SATs Week** - A reminder that Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Reading
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic & Reasoning
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning

**Cervical Cancer Prevention** - Week Next week 22nd January- 28th January is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week! The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against cervical cancer is to attend your cervical screening (smear test) and/or encourage your friends and family to attend theirs. Call your GP to book your appointment.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cervical-screening/> <https://www.jostrust.org.uk/information/cervical-screening/what-is-cervical-screening>. If you are registered with either Thornton, Priory View or Armlay Moor Medical Practices text the Cancer Screening Care Coordinator on 07355674425 to book an appointment or discuss any concerns. If you require further information, please ask at school office for a leaflet.

#### **School Dates 2023 - 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

##### **Training Day- No Children in School**

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