

St Bartholomew's News



8th March 2024

URGENT - MMR vaccinations available here

18th March, 8.30am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 4pm

Our school has been identified as having a higher number than average children with no or only 1 MMR vaccination. If your child is missing any doses, you should have received a text message from the School Aged Immunisation Service informing you of this and advising you to make sure your child is fully protected.

[See the letter we sent out for more information](#)

Important - Ramadan – Fasting - If you require your child to fast as part of your religious observance, this must be put in writing and discussed with school. This is important so we can make sure children are safe. Thank you.

Worship – Our current theme is **Justice** and this week we have been reflecting and discussing our Big Question.

Is everything you want what you need?

We held worship in the hall this week and we talked about how not all children and families even have what they need. Some children live in severe poverty and others have been affected by conflict. We reminded ourselves how lucky we are to have the things we need and live in peace.

What we are doing to make things better - This week we had our first meeting with the council about the next stage of our roof replacement. This will happen over the summer holidays and is part of a long term project to replace all our old, leaking roof.

Reminders:

- **Let us know if your child has any medical conditions/allergies we need to know about. If we already know and anything changes please update us as soon as possible.**
- **Remember we are a nut free school. This includes school dinners and packed lunches. It also applies to nut-based products, for example, nut based chocolate spreads/biscuits.**
- **Easter Raffle – The tickets will go on sale Monday 18th March**

Smart Watches – We know that these are popular but we are no longer allowing them in school. They are expensive and we do not want them lost or damaged. They are also very similar to phones and can be used for different things, which we do not want available in a classroom.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was watching the choir's performance from their event last Friday in our hall. They performed with two other local schools and they were brilliant. Check our website and watch them yourselves.

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 7** **KS2 – Class 14**



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 - Class 6 – 99.2%

KS2 – Class 10 – 99%

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 95.1%

Reception to Year 6: 95.4%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week we have been reading 'Peace at last' story and listened to all the noises that can be heard in a house and in the garden. We have practised how to put our coats on independently. We made lots of flower art pictures and made lots of different flowers using lavender playdough. Our water tray turned into a giant tea pool. We have been filling the cups with a fruity smelling 'tea'. On Thursday we have celebrated World Book Day, shared lots of books with children and as a part of it, on Wednesday, we have hosted Come and Read session for the parents - thank you to all who joined us. Happy Mother's Day to all our lovely Mums and Grandmothers that celebrate their day on Sunday.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been learning about animals around the world and where they live. In our oracy lessons we have been focusing on taking turns to speak. We have been looking at different animals and talking about which one we think is the odd one out. We have been using our talk tokens and using sentence starters help us use full sentences. In RE we have been talking about how important it is to look after our planet and the living things on it. We have been making models out of recycled materials, making posters about recycling and making bird feeders using cereal.

Year 1 & 2 - Children in Year 1 are really enjoying their topic in Geography, where they have been investigating where their food comes from. The children have studied dairy farming and have looked at where different fruits come from. They have looked at a map of Costa Rica and know why the climate there is a good one for growing bananas. Children used the information they have learnt to sort different fruits into two categories - those that are grown here and those grown abroad. In Year 2, the children have been investigating what the Geography is like where they live. They have used Google Earth to zoom in on their school and the local area. Children have studied the human and physical features of the areas they live and have looked at the differences between Leeds and a coastal town in Devon.

Year 3 & 4 – Most classes have now been to Tropical World. This has reinforced our current Geography learning, about jungles and deserts. We explored inside, and then got to go outside and do some field work in the woods. We foraged for items and created our own bird’s eye view maps. We have also celebrated book day this week, where we have been reading new stories and writing reviews, as well as getting dressed up in character. In Science, we have been learning about how our food gets digested and in English, Year 4 have enjoyed reading a true survival story of a lady who fell from a plane into the Amazon Rainforest and survived!

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In English, we have enjoyed writing our ‘Viking Raid’ dialogue story. In Science, we have enjoyed using filters to separate materials. In Geography, we have debated the melting ice sheet in Greenland.

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.

Personal Possessions - A reminder: Children who bring mobile phones into school (reminder: mobile phones only need to be brought into school if children travel to school and home on their own), keys, or anything else such as bus passes, need to be handed into the class teacher every morning.

Swimming - A reminder: children can only be excused from swimming lessons if there is a message sent to school (through a note, phone call to school, or an adult speaking to a member of staff on a morning).

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.40pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Phone Calls Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 - 3.40pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 – 3.40pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Parent Consultation Phone Calls Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.40pm - 5.30pm
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