

# St Bartholomew's News



**15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## **URGENT - MMR vaccinations available here**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Worship** – Our current theme is **Justice** and this week we have thought about how sometimes it does not mean treating everyone the same and there are times when it is fair to treat people differently.

**What we are doing to make things better** - A lot of the old windows have had new safety film fitted which means they are shatter proof and much nicer to look through.

**School Streets** – This is a Leeds initiative to support schools who have been identified as having significant parking/traffic issues around their school at key times. We have been identified as one of these and they are proposing we become a 'School Street' zone. This would mean no driving on Strawberry Lane during peak times and anyone driving their children would need to park a little away from school and walk children to the school gates. This would reduce the issues we have at the beginning and the end of the day and make it safer for families and children. Whether you think this is a good idea or not it is important to have your say, please check the letter you have received this week and complete the consultation.

**Here is the link:** [www.leeds.gov.uk/schoolstreets](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/schoolstreets)

**Easter Play Scheme** – If you are working and need childcare, we are offering a small number of places during the first week, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Places are very limited and we ask you only request a space if you need one. If you are interested please ask at the office from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for an expression of interest form which must be returned by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we will confirm your place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and only then will you be asked to pay.

**Governors Update** – Manjinder Bal, one of governors came to school to meet Miss Lawson and discussed all the work we do around child protection and keeping our children safe.

**Easter Egg Raffle** – The tickets will be on sale from Monday in your child's class. They are 10p each. All money raised will go to UNICEF to support children around the world impacted by conflict and wars including those who have lost their homes.

**Childcare Choices is a government initiative, see their information below, taken from government information. There is a website for you to find out much more. Have a look and see if there is any additional support for you.**  
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

## **About Childcare Choices**

Childcare Choices is a cross-government campaign that aims to make more parents aware of the financial support on offer to help them with the costs of childcare.

While most families in the UK are entitled to some form of support, many are missing out because they simply do not know they are eligible, and from April working parents can get even more help with their childcare costs, starting with 15 hours childcare for 2-year-olds.

The Childcare Choices website helps parents to find out what they might be eligible for, now and in the future, and when to apply. Parents can also sign up to the newsletter, which will give them further information as the expansion is rolled out.

Financial support is not limited to just nurseries and childminders. Depending on eligibility criteria, this support could also be used for breakfast clubs; after-schools clubs; activity clubs; holiday clubs; home care workers and play schemes. Support is available through Tax-Free Childcare for children up to 11, or 16 if disabled and Universal Credit Childcare can help with childcare costs for children aged 0-16. Parents eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare can use the support to help pay for before and after school childcare also known as 'wraparound childcare'.

**Looking for something to do over the Easter break? Have a look at the activities in Leeds-**



This Easter, Leeds city centre is set to witness an extraordinary **child friendly** and **free** event! The Leodis Space Agency is on a mission to deliver a range of cosmic activities for all the family to enjoy, with exhibits to discover, alien encounters and interactive workshops taking place for all to learn and experience. Some of the experiences include: Briggate Illuminated, Journey Through the Solar System, Trinity Leeds Transforms into Lunar Wonderland, Lunar Module Landing Unveiled Witness the Flyby of the International Space Station at Leeds City Station Alien Zoo Exhibit: Unearth the Wonders of the Universe at Merrion Centre.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing the performance poetry on the website from last week's World Book Day workshops. Why not have a look on our website to see those and lots more great things your children do at school.



**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 Jenna</i>  | <i>Class 2 Aurora</i>  | <i>Class 3 Adam</i>       | <i>Class 4 Mussa</i>  | <i>Class 5 Toro</i>      |
| <i>Class 6 Arman</i>  | <i>Class 7 Rachael</i> | <i>Class 8 Sukaina</i>    | <i>Class 9 Nancy</i>  | <i>Class 10 Lwandile</i> |
| <i>Class 11 Esme</i>  | <i>Class 12 Hunter</i> | <i>Class 13 Elizabeth</i> | <i>Class 14 Ciara</i> | <i>Class 15 Sonny</i>    |
| <i>Class 16 Salma</i> | <i>Class 17 Bryan</i>  |                           |                       |                          |

**Best Classes in School-** These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 5** **KS2 – Class 13**



**Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 - Class 7-100% KS2 – Class 15 – 99%**

**Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 89.7% Reception to Year 6: 95.7%**

**Weekly Round Up**

**Nursery** - This week we have read 'Whatever Next' story. As the bear from the story goes to the Moon, we have started learning about the space. We made rockets using junk modelling, we painted rockets and made them put of big and small construction. This week has been Science week and apart from learning about planets, the Moon and the Sun, we have been exploring the materials and what happens to them when placed in the water. We wondered whether materials would float or sink and change their shape or consistency. We did experiment of 'shooting starts' in which children mixed water with oil and food colouring an observed what was happening. The children also mixed the cornflour and water to make the gloop. We have learned Space song: 'Zoom to the Moon' and for our gross motor skills we have danced with scarves to 'Winter' by Vivaldi.

**Reception** – This week in Reception as part of Science week, we have been exploring ice. We completed an experiment in which we predicted which material would melt the ice quickest. During our Oracy lesson, we took it in turns to speak using our talk tokens. We used full sentence e.g I think the sugar will melt the ice the quickest. We then had lots of fun carrying out or experiment. After talking about cold places around the world, the children were extremely curious about how animals keep warm in the arctic. We carried out an experiment testing out how the ice feels on our hand when we are wearing different gloves. Look out for photos on Learning Journals and the website.

**Year 1 & 2** - This week in PSHE children in Year 1 have been thinking about their feelings and how talking about their feelings can be a good thing to do - especially if they are feeling sad. The children shared their thoughts about how people may feel when something changes in their life and how when things change it can cause a mixture of different feelings. They were fantastic at saying who they could go to if they needed support with their feelings. In Year 2 in PSHE, the children have continued with their topic on keeping safe and looking at how medicines can be useful and dangerous if we use them incorrectly. The children have learnt about immunisations and why they are used to help people. They learnt about the story of Edward Jenner and worked in groups to order the events surrounding his life and discovery.

**Lost Property** - We are having increasing amounts of lost property - mainly unnamed jumpers, scarves, hats and gloves in school. All next week we will be putting these items on a bench outside class 4's shelter. Anything left after next week will be disposed of.

**Year 3 & 4** – This week, Class 9 had their trip to Tropical World. They enjoyed seeing all of the different animals and doing some field work in the woods. In Geography, we looked at how different habitats support wildlife and learned about biomes. Year 4 also enjoyed writing their survival guide in English lessons. In DT, we have looked at knife skills ahead of making our Brazilian dish next week. We also enjoyed a parent coming in to discuss Ramadan with us and tell us about her religion.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In Science, we have enjoyed the different activities in Science Week and researching Charles Darwin. In DT, we have been building truss bridges. In PSHE, we looked at the issue of homelessness and people can be affected by this.

**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.

### **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

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

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.40pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent Consultation Phone Calls Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 - 3.40pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 – 3.40pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent Consultation Phone Calls Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.40pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School Closes at 3.30pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	School Opens at 8.30am
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>Training Day- No Children in School</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm