

St Bartholomew's News



22nd March 2024

Worship – Our current theme is **Justice** and this week we have been looking at The Ten Commandments and how they link to the ways we expect people to behave today, some are even linked to laws. We reflected on how basic rules for living are the same for everyone.

We also reflected on our Big Question, **‘Is everything that you want what you need?’** We reminded ourselves of all the children around the world who do not even have what they need including those impacted by conflict. We also talked about the British Values of democracy and Respect and how they linked to our worship theme.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE – What a great week last week was and hopefully this week will have matched it (or beaten it!). Keep it up!

“Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve”

Remember we do reward great attendance over the year but we also reward attendance over the term, half term and have raffles for children who come every Friday each half term, those attending every day in the last week of term(next week) and those who get over 96% in each half term. This means even if you have not met the year or termly targets you still have lots of chances to win.

All children who attend every day next week have a chance to win the Easter hamper raffle.



All this could be yours!

This will be drawn on Thursday, hopefully next week will be a great week for attendance.

What we are doing to make things better - Over Easter Mr Tumilty will be painting the new year 5/6 workspace where the cloakrooms used to be. It is a great space for the children to work in smaller groups when needed.

Governors Update, Mrs Meyrick our Health and Safety governor visited this week and had a look round the building. She was impressed by how much it has changed in the last few years and will help school look at any areas we need to improve. Once written, her report will go on the website.



Thank you for all those who donated to Red Nose Day. The children enjoyed the day and dressing in red to support charities who help children and families impacted by poverty, war and climate change. We raised nearly £200

Nursery – If you have a child turning 3 and due to start Nursery in September please call at the office to fill out a registration form if you have not already done so.

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 received last week and complete the consultation, the deadline has been extended until Thursday 28th March.

Here is the link: www.leeds.gov.uk/schoolstreets

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was watching the Rock Steady performances. I think the children, parents and staff who watched them will agree they were fantastic. What skill and confidence to perform in front of an audience. Well done to all the children. If you want to see the performances please look on the website.



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!

Class 1 Theo

Class 2 Alyshia

Class 3 Ella-Grace

Class 4 Tina

Class 5 Darrel

Class 6 Callum

Class 7 Aroush

Class 8 Michalina

Class 9 Aizah

Class 10 Anayah

Class 11 Zoya

Class 12 Subhan

Class 13 Harvey

Class 14 Anayah

Class 15 Joanna

Class 16 Oscar

Class 17 Danta

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 2** **KS2 – Class 12**



Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 - Class 7 – 98.4%

KS2 – Class 13 – 99%

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 93.1%

Reception to Year 6: 96%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week we have continued to read 'Whatever next' story. We used pictures to retell it and acted it out in our role-play area. We have opened Space Cafe where children prepared Spider Soup, Slimey Spaghetti and Slug Shake - yummy. We talked to the children about activities we do at night and during daytime. In phonics, we have been learning a new sound 'a' and revised previous sound 's'. We have also learnt new song: '5 little men in a flying saucer'.

Reception – This week in Reception, we had a visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital. We took our teddies to the hall and learnt all about what happens at the doctors and hospital. We talked about healthy and unhealthy food, looking after our teeth and learnt some simple first aid. We looked at doctor's equipment and looked after a giant teddy! Look out for photos on the website and learning Journals. We have also been learning about Ramadan this week and Miss Khan has been sharing her experiences.

Year 1 & 2 - What an exciting week we have had in Key Stage 1!

Year 1 had an amazing time on their visit to Cannon Hall Farm. They saw a wide range of different animals including sheep, goats, horses, ferrets and reptiles. They learnt about life on a farm and how to look after the different animals. It was lovely seeing the signs of Spring with flowers blooming and lambs being born The children remembered so many facts about farms that they have been learning this half term - see the website for photos of the visits. In Year 2 the children went on a mini-bus tour of Leeds to see some of the main landmarks in the city. They visited Elland Road Stadium, the recycling centre, the market, Leeds Arena and the Town Hall. The children loved their tour and have written some detailed descriptions of the places they saw.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Year 4 have enjoyed publishing their survival guide leaflets, about how to survive in the Amazon Rainforest. Year 4 also enjoyed their bikeability sessions, where many children learned to ride, whilst other has better and more confident. In geography, we have been looking at how certain environments suit different plants and animals around the world. In RE we have been learning more about Islam. Years 3 and 4 would like to say a big thankyou to one of our parents Mrs Alnen, who came in to teach us about Ramadan last week.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In RE, we have enjoyed completing an oracy lesson on forgiveness. In English, we have started our balanced arguments and we have continued reading Song of the Dolphin Boy. In DT, we have been completing our 'Bridges Challenge – the longest, strongest bridge!'

Swimming - There will be no swimming lessons next week. Swimming lessons will start again in the week beginning 22nd April.

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 13th May 2024. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

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

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

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