

# St Bartholomew's News



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

**Attendance** – Please remember that children need to be in school every day and on time. We do not authorise holidays in term time and will only allow absences in very exceptional circumstances and we will ask for proof of these. Every child has many chances to go into the attendance raffles for great attendance but they need to be 'In to Win!'

**Breakfast Club** – If your child attends breakfast club they must be brought to the door if they are in Year 4 or below or be brought in by their older sibling. **They must not be left at the gate.**

**Worship** – Our new theme is Service and this week we have introduced the theme and how we should help people because we want to.

We have introduced our Big Question, 'Can you think of a time when helping someone else has made you feel joyful?'

Our **attribute** this term is **commitment** and teachers will be awarding children who show commitment in school.

## NURSERY PLACES

We are currently full in Nursery but will have places available in September. If you have a child who is already, 3 years old and who is not in a Nursery ask about a place for September. If your child is 3 years, old after September ask Mrs Drake for a form and to discuss a place in the future.

## **IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION**

*Childhood infections can be serious, even life changing. Is your child protected? Check their Red Book or contact your GP practice if you are unsure.*

*All routine childhood vaccinations are free, and even if your child misses any doses, you can book a catch-up appointment with your GP practice. Check their Red Book or contact your GP practice to check they are up to date.*

**Headlice** - Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. Please see leaflet attached and it is also on our website.

## **URGENT – LATE PAYMENTS**

**UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE HAVING TO SPEND TOO MUCH TIME CHASING PAYMENTS AND WILL HAVE TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES WE OFFER AND THE PROCEDURES WE HAVE IN SCHOOL. WE WORK VERY HARD TO KEEP COSTS TO YOU AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND WE CANNOT AFFORD THE TIME OR MONEY TO CONTINUE WITH THE HIGH NUMBER OF LATE/NON PAYMENTS.**

**ASC and BC** – If you pay late for these we will remove your child's place. These provisions are extremely good value and must be paid for on a Monday. We are now considering the provision for September.

**Nursery Full Day Places and Supervision/Lunch Payments** – We have very few full time places and our 2 ½ days are very popular. We still have many parents not paying for these on time. If this continues, we will have to move your child to half days and give your places to other parents who are on the waiting list for full time or 2 ½ days.

**Dinner Money** – We already subsidise school meal costs and cannot afford for parents not to pay. If you are continually late paying, we will expect your child to bring packed lunches.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week is seeing all the children return to school for the summer term, it always cheers me up coming back after a holiday and seeing the children.



### 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!

<i>Class 1 Tyreece</i>	<i>Class 2 Lulani</i>	<i>Class 3 Arkanshu</i>	<i>Class 4 Jesse</i>	<i>Class 5 Abdur</i>
<i>Class 6 Shay</i>	<i>Class 7 Rebecca</i>	<i>Class 8 Melisa</i>	<i>Class 9 Aizah</i>	<i>Class 10 Antony</i>
<i>Class 11 Aerris</i>	<i>Class 12 Orion</i>	<i>Class 13 Sophia</i>	<i>Class 14 Sarah</i>	<i>Class 15 Gracious</i>
<i>Class 16 Teagan</i>	<i>Class 17 Rihanna</i>			

**Best Classes in School-** These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 3** **KS2 – Class 13**



**Attendance Winners for week before half term: KS1 - Class 7 – 100%** **KS2 – Class 15- 98.3%**

**Whole School Attendance for week before half term: Nursery: 92.6%** **Reception to Year 6: 95.4%**

### Weekly Round Up

**Nursery** - Welcome back to all our Nursery children. We hope you all had a lovely break. This half term we will be learning about growing. This week we have been reading 'Jack and the beanstalk'. The children have had an opportunity to act out the story using puppets. We made different sized beanstalk using playdough and collage. We have been counting beans and checking who does have more. Our song of the week is '5 little Beans'.

**Reception** –This week in Reception we have started our new topic 'what can we see and how does it change ?' we have been thinking about where our food comes from and have lots of fun learning about fruit and vegetables and where they grow. We have sorted them and have been finding the odd one out. We have set up our own market stall in our outdoor area and have been working hard to make signs and price lists. We listened to the story supertato, have made super fruit and veg in the creative area. We are looking forwards to planting some of our own fruit and veg and watching them grow.

**Year 1 & 2** - What an exciting summer term we have in store in Key Stage 1! Year 1 children will be starting the topic of 'Safari' where they will be looking at the Geography of Africa and how it is different from where we live. The children will be exploring a wide range of stories and non-fiction texts to research different animals found in this area. We have an exciting African Art workshop planned on Monday for the children to enjoy. In Year 2, the children will begin their topic of 'Land Ahoy'. As part of this topic, they will be learning about Pirates and reading different pirate stories, which will support their writing. There will also be a special 'dress as a pirate day' planned for later this half term - information will be sent closer to the time.

**Year 3 & 4** –This week, Years 3 and 4 have started our new History topic, all about Ancient Egypt. We looked at how different people were treated and compared this to our knowledge about Victorians from autumn term. In English, we have also been reading information texts about what life was like in Egypt. In PE we have started our new topics: handball and athletics. Please remember children must be in joggers and their red PE t-shirt on PE days. In Science, we have been classifying animals and learning what vertebrates and invertebrates are. In Maths, Year 3 have been learning about capacity and volume, whilst year 4 have been learning about decimals.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In History, we have started our topic of Ancient Greece. We enjoyed learning about how the city states of Athens and Sparta contributed to democracy. In English, we have looked at features of persuasive letters.

**Swimming** - Swimming lessons will start again next week.

**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:**

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

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

**Training Day- No Children in School**

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

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm