

St Bartholomew's News



10th May 2024

Worship – Our current theme is Service and we have continued looking at how we help each other in school.

What we are doing to make things better - As you know, we are working on our school website. We want to make this as interesting and useful as possible for you and everyone else who looks and uses it. We really want it to reflect how fantastic our children and school is.

NURSERY PLACES – We will have Nursery places available in September this year. If you have a child who is 3 years old or will be in September, please register them at the office. If your child is not 3 yet, you can complete the forms now and if there is a place available when they turn 3 we will contact you nearer the time. We are very popular and are currently full, if you want a place next year please speak to Mrs Drake in the office. We are happy to arrange a visit for you if you want to see the provision. Once we are full your child would be placed on a waiting list and may need to wait until the following September to be allocated a place.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – As part of our plans to ensure our children and staff are prepared for an emergency, we do practice different procedures over the year. We have regular fire practices and hold other practices each term such as lockdowns and invacuations. These are essential and a legal requirement to ensure we can act swiftly in the event of a real emergency. We appreciate this can be worrying but the children respond very well and it is all to help keep everyone safe and to make sure we are as prepared as possible. If your child comes home and says there was an emergency please do not worry it will have been one of our practices. If there was ever a real emergency we would let you know.

IMPORTANT – Next week is Year 6 SATs week where they will sit national tests over the week. It is vital that the children are in on time every day as the timings are very strict and being late is very distressing for them and the staff. If your child is not in Year 6 it is still vital that children arrive at school on time as a lot of the school staff are supporting the Year 6 children and will be busier than normal.

Remember all children in Reception to Year 6 must be in school by 8.50am. Nursery children must be here by 8.40am

Here comes the sun! – At last!



As the weather, gets warmer we would ask that your child continues to come in school uniform, vest tops are not acceptable or appropriate. We also ask that children come in sensible shoes – no open backed sandals/flip flop style shoes. These are not safe. Thank you



Madhatters Tea Party Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 17th May, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 13th May, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2, unless paying for something else at the same time we can only accept cash. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week has been seeing the children taking part in the website filming with such confidence and excitement. Thank you to the children and to Mr Needham and Mr Waters for organising it.



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 Ahmed

Class 2 Damian

Class 3 Lilas

Class 4 Zaynab

Class 5 Chelsea

Class 6 Layla

Class 7 Blessing

Class 8 Modesire

Class 9 Esmae

Class 10 Hugo

Class 11 Hafsa

Class 12 Sam

Class 13 George

Class 14 Oliwer

Class 15 Gracious

Class 16 Kelyton

Class 17 Hamza

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 4** **KS2 – Class 14**



Attendance Winners for last week : KS1 Class 5 – 99.2% KS2 – Class 11 – 99.3%

Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 93.5% Reception to Year 6: 94.4%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week we have continued with our growing topic. We got excited, as we have received five eggs and some ducklings have hatched already. The children have learnt about the lifecycle of a duck. We have sang five little ducks song while playing in the water tray. We have been exploring 3D shapes and learnt what cube, cone, pyramid, sphere are. We have enjoyed the lovely weather outside with gravel pit and mud kitchen open.

Reception – This week in Reception has been very exciting. The chick eggs arrived and they hatched on Wednesday! We have enjoyed watching them become fluffy as they warmed up. They are beginning to come out from under the heater and eat and drink. We have talked about the life cycle of a chick and other animals. We have been talking about farms and why they are important. We talked about the food and produce we get from farms.

Year 1 & 2 – This week in Science the children in Year 1 have been investigating different animals and what they eat. They have learnt the terms herbivore (only eats plants), omnivore (eats both plants and meat) and carnivore (eats meat). The children worked hard to sort different animals into these categories. In Year 2 the children have enjoyed observing the growth of their plants in Science. They have been recording the different stages of growth in a plant diary and describing the changes that they can see each week - many of the plants have now grown leaves! Children have also been investigating what conditions plants need to grow well.

Year 3 & 4 – This week, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed a walk in the local area, to see which plants grow around our school. This links to our Science learning. In PSHE, we are continuing to look at being safe and have looked at head injuries and how we can treat one if we get one. In English, Year 4 enjoyed reading an explanation text called 'Until I met Dudley' and started writing our own explanations. In History, we looked at what was found inside the tomb and looked at clues that this tells us. In Art, we have been looking at collaging, and this week we started to collage a picture of Tutankhamun.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Science, we have been investigating lifecycles. We now have a few additions to our classrooms – frogspawn and caterpillars. We have observed frogspawn turn into tadpoles and are now eagerly awaiting tiny legs to form. We also have caterpillars that are eating and growing by the day ready to cocoon and make the amazing transformation into butterflies.

Year 6 SATs Week - A big thank-you to all the children for their hard work leading up to SATs week (starting on Monday)! Enjoy the weekend, get plenty of rest and sleep well!

It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school next week. The test timetable is as follows:

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

Children in Year 6 will be provided with a bagel on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday when they arrive in class.

Children will enjoy Friday by relaxing with their friends – they can bring in a drink (no energy drinks!) and snacks to eat whilst in class.

Children will also still be swimming on their swimming day.

Uniform - We expect all children to wear school uniform and feel it is important in Years 5/6 to develop the correct attitudes to this in preparation for the transition to secondary school.

Below is a link to the uniform quick guide. We have spare uniform in Years 5/6 which we will expect children to wear if they are not wearing the correct uniform top in school. Any child refusing to do this will be sanctioned in line with the school's behaviour policy.

If anyone needs support with school uniform, please ask.

<https://www.st-bartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 14th June 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day- No Children in School

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm