

St Bartholomew's News



14th June 2024

Firstly, we would like to wish all our families who celebrate, A Very Happy Eid. We hope you all enjoy this very important festival with your family and friends.



Please let the office know if your child will be, absent for EID.

Worship – Our current theme is truthfulness and this week we have been reflecting on how hard it is to tell the truth but it is the right thing to do and this relates to our big question this half term, ‘**Can you think of a time when telling the truth was hard?**’

We also talked about the British Values of Respect and Liberty and how it is respectful to tell the truth and we all have the freedom to decide about whether we tell the truth.

What we are doing to make things better - This week we had a visitor from an English Hub who joined Mrs Ingleson and myself looking at phonics and reading in school. This was to help us look at what a great job all the staff are doing but also help identify what we need to do to get even better. We are always looking at how we can improve to ensure all children make progress and reach their potential.

Tour of School - Thank you to the parents who attended the second tour of school, I hope you enjoyed looking round our wonderful school. We will hold more tours next year.

Changes for September –

Class 1 – Reception	Class 2 – Reception	
Class 3 – Year 1	Class 4 – Year 1	
Class 5 – Year 2	Class 6 – Year 2	
Class 7 – Year 3	Class 8 – Year 3	Class 9 – Year 3 & 4
Class 10 - Year 4	Class 11 –Year 4	
Class 12 – Year 5	Class 13 – Year 5	Class 14 – Year 5 & 6
Class 15 – Year 6	Class 16 – Year 6	

Change to the School day – The DFE expect all schools to be open 32 ½ hours per week from September, luckily we will only have to make a few small changes.

From September, we will continue to open at 8.30-8.50 for Classes 1-16. However, the register will be taken at 8.50am instead of 9am so your children must be on time. **If they arrive after 9.20am, they will receive a late-present mark, which means for attendance it will be classed as an unauthorised absence and will affect their overall attendance.**

The children in Classes 1-11 will finish school at 3.20pm and Classes 12-16 at 3.25pm. Any children left by 3.30pm will be taken to the office.

Nursery remains the same, children need to be here at 8.30am, the doors will close at 8.40am and they will finish Nursery at 3.30pm. Morning session is 8.30am -11.30am and Afternoon session is 12.30am -3.30pm.

Breakfast and After School Club Prices – Unfortunately we have had to review the cost of these provisions, the school cannot afford to keep the costs at their very low prices, it is costing the school too much to subsidise. We have looked at other schools and childcare provisions and what they charge and have consulted the governors about this. I know this will not be good news but we are a school and the funds need to be spent on the children's learning, so to continue providing this provision we need to increase the costs. They are still extremely reasonable compared to other schools and very cheap compared to private childcare.

Breakfast Club – This will be £1 per day but you will be able to just pay for the days you need. These will be booked in advance and as normal and the fees must still be paid each half term. The office do not have the capacity to take weekly payments for breakfast club.

After School Club – This will still be able to be paid for weekly, on a Monday. The costings will be:

3.30-4pm - £2

4-4.30pm - £4

4.30-5pm - £6

5-5.30pm - £8

You will book and pay for the days you need as you do now. Remember you can use Parent Pay. Any changes to your days once allocated will need to be discussed with Miss Lawson or Mrs Wainwright as it will depend on staffing, places will be limited as we need to be in ratios to maintain the safety of our children.

Letters to book places will be available from Monday 24th June at the office or you can request they are sent to you.



School Gateway App & ParentPay – Reminder we need everyone to download the school gateway app, as this will be how messages are sent out to parents/carers. We also need all parents/carers to register for parentpay because moving forward this is how payments will be made to school, if you need help in setting these up please call at the office and we will help you.

Festival Vibes Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 21st June, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 17th June, 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 was visiting Reception and Year 1 to watch some of their phonics lessons. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and the teachers' commitment to teaching the children to read, something that will help them in everything they do at school and beyond. Well done!

Attendance Winners for last week: KS1 Class 5 – 100%

KS2 – Class 15 – 98%



Whole School Attendance for last week: Nursery: 93.2%

Reception to Year 6: 95.1%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week in Nursery, our topic has been 'superfamily'. We have talked about different types of families, drawn families and created families with playdough. In Math's we practised matching the correct amount of objects to the right numeral. We practised positional language while placing dinosaurs in the right position. We have read few books about families and sang 'finger family' song. The children enjoyed looking after babies in our home corner. Our investigation tray was filled with soil with lots of pink superworms. The children have made cards for Father's Day this week. We wanted to wish all dads, grandfathers and uncles a Happy Father's day.

Reception – This week in Reception, we continued to learn about how we change and grow. We have really enjoyed looking at all the baby photos you have shared and playing guess who. We have been very busy in our outdoor area this week solving mathematical problems. We used our drainpipes, tyres and balls to solve addition problems. Taking turns to roll amount and find how many altogether. We are working hard to write our own addition number sentences. Next week as part of cultural week, Reception will be visiting St Bartholomew's church. We are looking forward to seeing inside the church, talking about what happens there, drawing pictures and listening to Mr Leadbeater play the organ.

Year 1 & 2 –In Year 1 this week the children have been learning numbers to 100 in Maths. They have been investigating partitioning these numbers into tens and ones using base 10. In Year 2, children have recapped addition and subtraction in Maths using base 10. They have looked at how these abstract methods link to the written column method and have practiced these.

IMPORTANT - Next week children in Year 1 (classes 3 and 4) will be going on a local walk to the Sikh Temple. This is part of our Cultural Week celebrations where children will be learning about different religions and cultures in our diverse school.

Class 4 Update - As many parents/carers will have seen this week - Miss Harvey has been covering for Miss McSkimmings. Unfortunately, Miss McSkimmings will not be returning for the rest of term. The good news is that Miss Hainsworth has now returned from maternity leave and will be taking over in Class 4 on Monday for the rest of term. Miss Hainsworth is an experienced Year 1 teacher and is looking forward to coming into Class 4. We wish Miss McSkimmings all the best as she prepares to welcome her baby.

Year 3 & 4 –This week, Class 9 and 10 enjoyed their trip to Harlow Carr. They enjoyed learning about the plants and found their workshop very informative. Year 3 have enjoyed carrying on reading their Egyptian mystery story. In French, children have been practicing words they now know to support translation of a text. We understood a lot more than we would have at the start of the year. In Geography, we have been looking at the state of Florida and have been looking at what the weather is like there, as well as what there is to do. In Science, we have been building circuits to get a bulb to light up. As part of cultural week, we will be taking the children out of school on a local visit over the course of next week. Year 3 will be visiting the Temple and Year 4 will be visiting the Mosque. This will support their understanding of different places of worship that different people visit.

Year 5 & 6 – Cultural Week We will be looking forward to visiting our local mosque next week as part of our cultural week celebrations.

Lineham Farm - A big thank-you to all the families that attended our presentation on Year 5's upcoming visits to Lineham Farm. We had 31 families attend – excitement is building!

Year 6 Hoodies - We are delighted with the arrival of the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies. Many children have received their hoodies as payment has been made. Children still waiting will receive their hoodies as soon as payment is made – cash, card or Parent Pay!

Year 6 Trips to Flamingo Land - Class 16 and some of Class 15 will be visiting Flamingo Land next Thursday and Class 17 and some of Class 15 will be visiting Flamingo Land on Tuesday 25th June. There will be no swimming on those days.

Swimming - For children swimming next week, it is Swimming and Drowning Prevention Week. Children will take part in fun water safety sessions – children will need to bring their PJs/shorts & T-shirt (no onesies) for their swimming lesson.

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm

Training Days 2024-2025:

Friday 22nd November 2024

Friday 21st March 2025

Friday 13th June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025