

St Bartholomew's News



19th July 2024

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was watching the Year 6 leavers take part in their end of year activities. Their production was fantastic, the church service was very moving and their dancing was entertaining! It is always a time of mixed emotions for Year 6, their teachers and parents. Time to say good-bye to primary school where they have flourished and time to embrace their new adventures at high school. I wish them all well and hope they become the fantastic students and young adults I know they can.

Goodbye and good luck to all the Year 6 children and their parents.

Next, a big thank you to the amazing staff I am lucky enough to work with at St Bart's. I have been head 5 years now and if it were not for them (and the children), it would not have been the absolute pleasure it has been. It is however a challenging job and by now we are all tired and ready for a holiday and I hope all the staff enjoy some time with their families and relax.

School times – Please remember that from September we have made slight changes to pick-up times at the end of the day. This is due to all schools having to provide 32.5 hours in school a week from morning register to the end of the day.

MAIN SCHOOL

Reception to Year 6 – 8.30-8.50am

Registers will be taken at 8.50am

If your child is late after 8.50am, you MUST bring them to the office

After 9.20am, they will receive a late absent code, which will reflect on their attendance

Reception to Year 4 will come out at 3.20pm

Years 5 & 6 will come out at 3.25pm

NURSERY

Nursery children must be here at 8.30am and the doors will close at 8.40am

Morning session finishes at 11.30am and the afternoon one starts at 12.30pm and finishes at 3.30pm

ATTENDANCE

Being in school is vital if the staff are going to help your child reach their full potential. It also has an impact on them settling in school and supports their wellbeing.

We know children can get ill and sometimes they are too ill to attend but we do expect children to only be off if they are really too unwell for school. If you think they could be in school please bring them and we can monitor them and let you know if there are any problems. Colds, aches and pains, toothache are not reasons to be off school. If you are unsure, please call and check.

We have very high expectations regarding attendance and offer lots of support. If you need help regarding attendance and your child coming to school please ask - do not just keep them at home **THEY ARE MISSING OUT.**

This is the data for this year – we are aiming higher next year

September 2023 to July 18th 2024		
Nursery	School Age	Whole School
90.9%	95.1%	94.7%

Punctuality – Being late also has a significant impact on your child. They miss the start of the day, the welcome and check-in at registration, reading time and the start of lessons.

PLEASE BE ON TIME

DENTIST – If you do not have a dentist for your child the Clarendon Dental Spa are currently taking children on as NHS patients. These places will get booked up quickly but please contact them if your child does not have a dentist.

PARKING – Please be aware that from September the 9th Strawberry Lane will be a School Street, this is a programme that aims to reduce parking issues and potentially dangerous incidents outside school where parking causes significant issues. You will not be allowed to drive and park on Strawberry Lane between 8.15-9am and 3-3.45pm and could be liable for a fine. Please see our website and social media for information and the email we sent. More information will be shared in the first week back.

What we are doing to make things better - CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES – From September, we will start holding live celebration assemblies on a Friday when we will invite the parents of those chosen for the headteacher’s award to attend and watch their children receive their certificate. More details to follow in September.

Parent Survey Results – Again thank you to those who returned the survey, you will receive an email with the results, our feedback and proposed actions. We try very hard to take on board your feedback and make sure we do the best we can, we continually try to improve and appreciate your views.

Scooters and Bikes – It is great that children come to school on these as it provides a great form of exercise and we have allocated scooter racks and a place for bikes outside the front office. Please remember we do not take responsibility for anything left and would suggest you lock them up. Please also remember that children should wear helmets when riding around, it could save their life! Please also dismount your bike, scooter and E-scooter before entering the school grounds.

PAYMENTS

We would like as many parents as possible to use ParentPay for any payments. We also accept card payments at the office and up to Christmas will accept cash.

From September late payments for BC/ASC will result in you losing your place – we have many children on the waiting list. If you pay late regularly for school lunches we will expect you to provide a packed lunch until the payments are made.

Late payments have an impact on the office, we allocate Mondays to process payments so the staff can get on with other vital jobs the rest of the week.

School Gateway App - We use the School Gateway app as our main form of communication. Please can all families with a smartphone download and install the **free** app. It is available through the Google Play and Apple App stores - see the QR codes.



Google Play Store



Apple App Store



Contacting School During the Holidays - If you need to contact the school over the holidays, you can call and leave a message at school or using mobile numbers below and someone will get back to you or you can email:

For general enquiries info@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Mrs Wainwright (Headteacher): 07926128159 - headteacher@stbartsleeds.org.uk

Miss Lawson (Family Support/DSL): 07716437588

IMPORTANT – IT IS VERY IMPORTANT YOU READ OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS AND CHECK YOUR EMAILS REGULARLY AS A PAPER COPY OF OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER IS NOT SENT OUT ANYMORE AND WE SEND OTHER IMPORTANT EMAILS WITH INFORMATION YOU NEED. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME PARENTS HAVE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT CHECKED THEIR EMAIL AND WE DO NOT WANT THIS TO HAPPEN NEXT YEAR.

MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL AND CHECK IT REGULARLY

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm

School Dates 2024-2025:

Monday 2nd September 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 25th October 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 4th November 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 22nd November 2024

Training Day – No Children in School

Friday 20th December 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm