

St Bartholomew's News



6th September 2024

A very big welcome back to everyone, it was lovely to see all the children in their uniforms ready to learn and have fun at school. We have had a great start to the year and the children have settled really well, even our youngest some who have never been to school before. You should be very proud. We are!

Your feedback is important to us and we are trying to involve parents in school life more following the results of the summer parent survey, the two events below are part of us trying to improve this:

- **Meet the Teacher** – We are for the first time holding a ‘meet the teacher’ session where you can have a look in your child’s class and meet their new teacher. It is informal and not a parent consultation. The normal doors will remain open to 4.30pm on Monday 9th September for Years 3 and 4 and Tuesday 10th September for the rest of school. If you have more than one child, you will be able to look round the different classes and meet all their teachers.
- **Celebration** – This has been held on a Friday and it is where the children identified by their teacher receive a Headteacher’s certificate and prize. This year we are going to be trying something a little different so we can hold celebration in the hall, not on Zoom and invite the parents/carers of the children receiving the award to join us. You will receive an email on the Monday before the Friday celebration if your child has been chosen. If you are able to attend, you must be here at 2.30pm on the Friday before Celebration starts. We will be holding Reception/KS1 celebration one week and KS2 the next on a two week cycle.

Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve”

Attendance Reminder – We will not authorise any holidays or extended absence, only under exceptional circumstances. **We expect extended absences to be discussed directly with Mrs Wainwright prior to the absence, if not it will not be authorised for any reason**, holidays and unauthorised extended absences will incur a fine. For all absences we may ask for proof of some kind, please do not be offended, we are following all the guidelines and safeguarding procedures.

Punctuality – All children need to be in school on time. Children can be upset when going in to class late when the lesson has started and they also miss reading and learning opportunities. If for any reason you are late, children must be brought in to school and not just left at the gate and a form completed at the office.

Unauthorised absences and persistent lateness may impact your child’s place in after school club and any future holiday schemes. This does not include authorised absences due to illness. We are not running these provisions for parents who do not follow the expectations of the school. Places are short and will go to those who really need them and bring their children every day and on time.

URGENT - School Streets – This is a council initiative to help reduce congestion, pollution around schools and more importantly keep children and families safe. From Monday 9th September between 8.15-9am and 3-3.45pm you will not be allowed to drive on Strawberry Lane to drop your children off at school. You will need to park a little further away or walk to school where possible.

We have over the last few years had some serious incidents where children have been injured and many near misses due to the congestion on Strawberry Lane. People have blocked the gates, other cars and families who walk have not been able to do so safely. The situation also affects the Helping Hands center which needs full access at all times. This is not a school initiative but a citywide one with 17 other schools who already have this system in place. More information is available on our website and social media. We appreciate your support and co-operation with this.

Reminders

- Jewelry should not be worn for school, small stud earrings are allowed but will be taped up for PE
- Children are not allowed to wear smartwatches in school
- Children should come to school in their uniform or PE kit when needed
- Coats, jumpers and lunch boxes/bags should be labelled, ask and we can do that for you
- We now have Parent Pay and we ask that as many parents as possible sign up to use this
- Please download the School Gateway APP, as it will become our main way of sending messages in the New Year.

Contacts - If you want to contact someone and it is not urgent you can use the emails below, and the Phase Leaders or Mrs. Wainwright will get back to you as soon as possible. If more urgent, please see one of the SLT outside on a morning and after school or phone school.

headteacher@stbartsleeds.org.uk

nursery@stbartsleeds.org.uk

reception@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year1year2@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year3year4@stbartsleeds.org.uk

year5year6@stbartsleeds.org.uk

School Dates 2024-2025:

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Friday 22nd November 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 21st March 2025

Friday 4th April 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Tuesday 6th May 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Friday 13th June 2025

Friday 18th July 2025

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