

St Bartholomew's News



27th September 2024

“Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve”

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was working with our new Worship Council, they are already helping with delivering worship and have plans to help others in school and for charities.

URGENT – We Want You! Please remember to complete your parent governor form if you would like to become a parent governor, this must include your details and a written statement. **If you are unsure or would like to discuss the role please see Mrs Wainwright.** It is a role providing an opportunity to help develop the vision for school. Oversee financial performance and make sure money is well spent. Hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school. Engage with pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community to understand their views.

Thank you – To all the parents who are continuing to support the School Street restrictions on Strawberry Lane. This is a LCC scheme devised to keep children and their families safe.

Holiday Scheme – There will be a very small scheme in the October half term. Places will be in high demand and please do not presume just because you need a place you will get a place. We have to remain within legal and safe ratios so can only take a restricted number of children based on staff who are able and willing to work during the holidays. Letters will be available from Tuesday, please ask at the office.

Parents Consultations – We will be holding parent consultations on:

Tuesday 22nd October – 3.30-6.30pm KS1/EYFS meetings in school

3.30-5.30pm KS2 calls

Thursday 24th October – 3.30-6.30pm KS2 meetings in school

3.30-5.30pm KS1/EYFS calls

You will receive more information shortly.

Worship – Our current theme is **Generosity** and this week we read the bible story about the widow who was the most generous despite being the poorest. We also reflected on our Big Question which the Worship Council have decided on, **‘Does being generous have to cost you money?’** Children will be exploring this question this half term in worship. We also talked about the British Values of democracy and Respect and how they linked to our worship theme.

What we are doing to make things better - The second stage of the roof is finally finished and over the next few weeks, they will be repairing the ceilings in Years 5 & 6 where they have been damaged and replacing the tiles in October half term.



Theme Day Menu Thursday 3rd October – We will be offering everyone who is entitled to a free school meal who normally brings a packed lunch, the opportunity to try our theme menu next Thursday. You can still send your child with a packed lunch as well. If you do not want your child to have a school dinner on this day please contact the school office to opt out.

Headlice - Head Lice are a common problem in school-aged children. They cannot 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.

Attendance -Make sure your child comes to school every day and on time. 8.30am for Nursery, 12.30pm in the afternoon and by 8.50am for the rest of school. Thank you

Last week's attendance – another amazing week – well done and thank you

Nursery: 93.7%

Reception: 95.6%

Year 1 to Year 6: 96.5%

Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 5 – 97.2%**

KS2 – Class 8 – 99.7%



Well done to the best classes: KS1 – Class 5 KS2 – Class 13



Headteachers Awards – Well done to the children who have had a great week in school.

Class 1 Amen

Class 2 Mia

Class 3 Bailey

Class 4 Dawood

Class 5 Zarah

Class 6 Evania

Class 7 Aroush

Class 8 Rayann

Class 9 Adriel

Class 10 Tami

Class 11 Noble

Class 12 Emily

Class 13 Kylan

Class 14 George

Class 15 Ibrahim

Class 16 George

Weekly Round Up

Nursery –This week we have learnt all about Autumn. We have explored Autumn items and learnt to describe them. We looked at simple patterns and made ABAB patterns using compare bears and seasonal objects. Our story of the week has been 'Owl Babies' and we have learnt 'All the leaves are falling down' song. The children have created amazing owl pictures using paint, collage and pencils.

Reception –This week in Reception, we have been talking about families. We have shared all the lovely pictures that have been sent in on learning journals and displayed them in our home corner. We have enjoyed creating family pictures and talked about how each family is different. In Maths, we have been matching and sorting. We have enjoyed matching pairs of socks on a washing line and talking about how we know they are a pair. We have started drawing club this week. We have listened carefully to the story 'penguin' and have enjoyed drawing the characters the setting. As the weather turns colder we will we talking about Autumn. We would love it if you could bring any autumn treasures to share such as leaves, conkers and sticks.

Year 1 & 2 - In Year 1 the theme for PSHE this half term is 'Me and others'. Children have thought about what makes them special. The children learnt that although everyone is different they all have things that make them a special person. They thought about things they are good at and shared these with the class.

In Year 2 the theme on PSHE, this half term is 'Friendships' and how these can affect our mental health and well-being. This week the children thought about how it can feel for children if they feel different to others and how it feels to be left out. They offered examples of what makes a good friend and how to handle situations when someone may feel left out. The children worked in groups to successfully sort examples of friendly and unfriendly behaviour.

Year 3 & 4 -This week, Years 3 and 4 welcomed a visitor in, where we took part in an Anglo-Saxon workshop. We learned more about how they lived and got to handle some artifacts and think about what they may have been used for many years ago. Year 4 have enjoyed writing a conversation between Grendel and Beowulf (two characters from our story) using speech punctuation. In RE, we have been learning about different religious festivals, and this week we have been learning about what Christians celebrate. We have continued to observe our plants to see if they have grown, despite some not having water and some not having sunlight.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Science, we have been learning about the circulatory system. We have created our own models of the circulatory system and presented them to class using our oracy skills. In the key events of World War 2 and placing them on a timeline. In English, we have started to plan our evacuee stories, focusing on chapter one – the evacuation! In History, we looked at how the allies were coping in 1940 and what happened in Dunkirk.

Lotherton Hall

There will be three classes visiting Lotherton Hall next week:

- Class 12 on Monday 30th September
- Class 13 on Thursday 3rd October
- Class 15 on Friday 4th October

Homework - A reminder that homework is set on a Monday and the deadline for completing homework is the following Monday. Children have homework tasks set on Emile and there is an expectation that children complete at least thirty minutes on Reading Plus. There is a homework club on a Monday lunchtime for children to attend if they wish.

Secondary School Applications - The deadline for applying for secondary school is 31st October. Please click on the following link for further guidance and links to applying for secondary schools.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Please contact school and speak to Mr Needham if you require any support in applying for secondary schools.

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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