

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Year 5 Residential**

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Windmill Hill last week and coped admirably in the difficult weather! Their behaviour was good and they represented the school well. Thanks to all of you for trusting us with your child for a few days and thanks to all the staff who looked after them well.



***I conquered my fears of darkness and water - Charlie***

***When I did the sensory trails I learnt what it is like to not be able to see - Hastie***

***I've learnt to look after myself and to be responsible - Chloe***

***I learnt to cooperate more with my friends more - Layla***

***I learnt how to canoe - Laszlo***

***I overcame my fears of small spaces - Daisy W***

***I learnt how to help a friend calm down when they are frightened, on The Giant Swing - Ruby***

***I learnt how to overcome my fear of heights - Alisha***

***I learnt how to look after myself - Charlie***

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## Year 6 Revision Club

For the past few weeks, year 6 pupils have been attending Maths Revision Club after school on a Wednesday to help them prepare for their SATS next week. Their commitment has been amazing, and it has been a pleasure to be there with them. We are very grateful to all of the staff who have given their time up for free – we really appreciate it. They explained how it helped them:

***It's made me more confident about my tests – Jude***

***It makes you more confident about learning and gives you a push towards the exams – Frankie***

***It's helpful. I feel like I am gaining confidence – Isabelle***

***I am learning new facts every time. Also, you can work with someone who can help you or you can help them – it's win, win! – Matilda***

## Year 5 Into University

Earlier this week, Year 5 had another trip to Into University to support them in their learning. They had a great time and learnt more about maths.

***We worked on area and perimeter doing pirate maths – Jasmin***

***We did loads of pirate maths with two university students. It was fun. – Chloe***

***We used jelly beans and cocktail sticks to make 3D shapes – Layla***

***We made a pattern with coloured shapes. It was really big – about the size of half a table – Alisha***

## HMI inspection

We are awaiting a letter from Ofsted following our HMI inspection last week. The inspector was particularly impressed with the children she spoke to and their enthusiasm about the school and the positive changes that have been happening. She enjoyed speaking to some of you in the playground too!

Remember that you can go to ParentView at any time, to share your opinion about the school. Please go to - <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> - and share your views.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who won the attendance award for Spring Term 2. Dodo Pizza kindly gave us pizzas for their class reward which Year 3 really enjoyed this week! Year 4 came second and will be visiting Al Campo very soon. The race is on again and currently year 4 are in the lead, closely followed by Year 5 and Reception.

## Holidays

Please can we remind parents and carers that you are not permitted to take your child out of school for the purpose of a holiday. While it may be cheaper to go on holiday during term time, it directly impacts upon your child's education. All school staff understand the frustration of expensive holidays in the school holidays – we can only go away during the school holidays. If you take your child out of school to go on holiday, this will not be authorised and you will be referred to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice. We have had to issue a number of these since January. If you do intend to book a holiday in term time, please make an appointment with Ms Blood, BEFORE you book the holiday.

One of the OFSTED concerns is still attendance and we cannot be a GOOD school, until this improves. Please help us by NOT taking holidays in term time.

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## Age Ratings on Video Games, DVDs

Please can we remind all parents and carers that there are age ratings on films, computer games and social media websites for a reason. We have a lot of children telling us about films they have watched or games they have played that they are not old enough for and also telling us they are chatting to other people when playing games on the XBOX, for example. We are also aware of many of our children being on social media and many of their profiles being public so that they can be seen by everyone. Please be vigilant and regularly check what your child is doing – if it is not monitored, it can be very dangerous. Check out <https://www.common sense media.org/> for other parents' views about particular films and games.

## Art of Attachment Project Showcase at Jubilee Library (21<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June)

Exploring individual experiences of attachment through the arts, Brighton Oasis Project's 'Art of Attachment' will be taking over Jubilee Library for 2 weeks over the May half term. There will be lots to see and do, including film, site specific artwork, talks and interactive digital drawing. All events are free and child-friendly. For more information and to book a place for any of the projects, visit <http://www.oasisproject.org.uk/event/art-of-attachment-showcase-at-jubilee-library/>.

## Glasses

We **still** have several pairs of glasses from lost property in the school office at the moment. If your child has lost their glasses, please contact the school office or drop by.

Kind Regards

*Katie Blood.*

Katie Blood  
Headteacher

## 2017-18 Calendar Dates

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Class Assembly (9.15am)  
May 25<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term  
June 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 class assembly (9.15am)  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (2.15pm)  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day (2.15pm)  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception Class Assembly (9.15am)  
July 18<sup>th</sup> – Report drop in  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Leaver's Assembly (2.15pm)  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term