

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

PGL

On the 27th March, 27 pupils from Pangolins and Jaguars went to PGL Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux. We stayed for two nights and completed a range of 'Outdoor Adventure Activities', including abseiling, orienteering, climbing and archery. Our days were jam-packed (completing up to 5 activities each day). All our pupils behaved exceptionally and it was a pleasure to see each child grow in confidence and resilience. The support they gave each other, to complete challenging tasks, was wonderful to witness. Their 'can do' attitude and flawless teamwork made the trip memorable for everyone involved. Special thanks to Mrs Waughman and Mrs Allaway for making sure the trip ran smoothly.

Mr Mills



Easter Parade

Our Easter Parade was a very celebratory occasion again – thank you so much to all of those parents who joined us. It's a lovely community occasion as well as a very important time in the Christian calendar. Thanks to Mr Mills and Pangolin Class who played the drums for us – we enjoy making a noise on our parade!

Easter Competition

Congratulations to Gear in Pangolin Class for guessing 'Edward Tulane' as the name of our Easter Bunny last term. This is the name of the rabbit in the book they were reading in Pangolin class. Thank you so much to everyone who entered and to our PTFA for organising it.



'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

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Drama Workshops



Our Bumblebee, Penguin and Koala classes all had an excellent drama workshop last Friday. They had fun with the elf and doing a range of drama activities! Thanks to Mr Naeem for organising it.



Clubs

Our new clubs started this week – thank you to everyone who has signed up. Many clubs are now full or nearly full but there are still some places available if your child wants to join! Please view and sign up to clubs through ParentPay. Please be aware that not every club runs every week – please make sure you check dates. If you would like your child to attend a club but finance is an issue, please do let me know.

Parent Voice Coffee Morning

This week, we held a Parent Voice Coffee Morning for our families who are most harmed by racism. It was a lovely morning run by Mrs Paton and there were lots of positive thoughts and ideas exchanged. Look out for the posters about the next event and do come along.

Church School

Our School Prayer

Our School Prayer was newly written this year and we share it often in our worship sessions. It's a lovely prayer written by Father Thomas with the help of some of our pupils.

Heavenly Father,

We pray for our school and for all those who study and work here.

*Inspired by St Bartholomew and supported by his prayers, we pray that we may grow in **courage** and **compassion** and live with **discipline** and **honesty**.*

*We pray that we may be **positive** in our learning and **aspirational** for our futures; in Jesus' name, we pray.*
Amen.

If you are someone that prays, perhaps you could sometimes pray for our school using our School Prayer.

School Mass

Our next School Mass for pupils in Koala Class, Red Panda Class, Pangolin Class and Jaguar Class is NEXT Thursday 4th May - please do join us.

Please meet your child's class outside the school office and walk down to the church with them. If your child's class is not going to Mass but you would still like to join us, you would be very welcome.

We have another School Mass on Thursday 25th May - you are all welcome to join us.

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Reminders and Notices

Brighton Rubbish Solutions

Brighton Rubbish Solutions have been really helpful and generous with our waste and rubbish clearance for several years. If you have any rubbish, waste or clearance needs we recommend that you get in touch - <https://www.checktrade.com/trades/brightonrubbishsolutions>

Food Bank

Our Foodbank stocks are running low – if you are a position to donate any food, we would be very grateful. Anything in date, from the list below would be very welcome:

Pasta, cereal bars, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, long life milk, juice cartons, squash, crisps, pre-packaged and long-life bakery products (croissants, brioche, muffins, cakes, flapjacks etc.), biscuits, pasta sauces, rice, curry sauce, instant noodle pots, instant porridge pots, cereal, bottles of water, tea bags, tinned pasta, tinned beans, custard, rice puddings, packet desserts.

Please drop it into the school office anytime.

Our foodbank food is distributed through the school and through the church so it helps a range of people in our community.

Thank you.

Coronation

Next weekend is the King's Coronation. To mark this historic occasion, we will be having a red, white and blue dress up day. Children can come to school in red/white/blue clothes (non-uniform) but please make sure these are suitable for the usual school activities such as playtime, painting and PE!

Strikes

We know the strikes are disruptive for you all and we really appreciate all your support with this. Unfortunately, they will probably continue until our Government listen. Although the disputes on the surface are about pay (there are only certain reasons a trade union dispute can be started), ultimately its about having enough money in schools to educate your children to a standard that enables them to flourish.

Over 80% of primary schools in Brighton and Hove will not have enough money next year to cover their costs – we can't all be getting it wrong.

Kind Regards

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Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

May	June
1 st – Bank holiday 2 nd – School closed for NEU strike action 8 th – Bank holiday W/B 8 th – Year 6 tests 19 th – Pangolin Class Assembly 19 th – Film Night 23 rd – Parent Forum (2.00) 26 th – Penguin Class Assembly 26 th – Non School Uniform – School Fund 26 th – Last day of half term	5 th – INSET Day 6 th – Pupils return 16 th – Koala Class Assembly 21 st – New Reception Children visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15) 27 th – Sports Day 28 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 30 th – Red Panda Class Assembly 30 th – Summer Party (2.30 – 4.30)
July	
5 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 6 th – Reports out 7 th – Year 6 transition day 13 th – Report drop-in 14 th – Bumblebee Class Assembly (2pm) 14 th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4.00) 17 th – St Bart's Got Talent (2.00 – 2.45) 19 th – Non Uniform Day - Food Bank 20 th – Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm) 21 st – Last day of term	