

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Children in Need**

We raised a fantastic £206.97 for Children in Need over the past few weeks. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes at our cake sale, as well as those who donated £1 to wear spotty clothes for our Big Spottacular event.

## **Attendance Posters**

Congratulations to all the children who entered our Poster Competition. All the children who entered will receive 5 pupil points or diamonds in Reception. The Teaching and Learning Committee from the Governors judged the competition and decided the winners of each year group:

Reception	Violet
Year 1	Angela
Year 2	Flora
Year 3	Louis
Year 6	Destinee



The judges thought there were some great entries but decided that the overall winner is FLORA WONG! Her fabulous, colourful design will be displayed in the school entrance.



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## **Kindness Advent Calendar**

The children have come home today with a Kindness Advent Calendar – it would be great if you could encourage them to participate.

## **Playground Changes**

You may have noticed that the equipment on the blue zone has gone. It was becoming rotten and was becoming unsafe. We have used our Sports Premium money to replace it with some artificial grass and then will use more of this money to hopefully replace it with some outdoor gym equipment. Apologies for not mentioning anything in advance – we got a cancellation slot from the company!

## **Beach Hut**

Year 6 are busy making for the Beach Hut Advent Calendar again this year. Our Beach Hut is this THURSDAY and is the same hut as last year – it is near a café/bar called The Venue (used to be called The View). We will let you know the number of the hut later this week. Please do come and join us from 5.30pm if you can.

## **Period Poverty**

We are part of the “Red Box Project” which means we have a box of donated sanitary products for pupils and staff to use if they cannot afford to buy these when they have their period. We would like to extend the use of this to parents if they are really finding it hard to buy these products for themselves. At the moment, the box is stored in the front office but once the building work is complete, we will try to make it more accessible to all.

We don't have a never ending supply, so please only use the box if you need to. Equally, if you feel like you can donate something for the box, we would be extremely grateful. Just pop any donations to the office.

## **Raffle**

Raffle tickets are coming in thick and fast - thank you! There are still some spare books of tickets so PLEASE come and pick some more up if you think you could sell to friends, family and work colleagues! There are some great prizes to be won. Please try to return money and stubs by Wednesday but we will accept them up until Thursday 6th at 4.30pm. The raffle draw will take place in the hall after school on Friday 7th December.

## **Parent Questionnaire Feedback**

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned our parents survey at parents evening. 85% of people who responded said that their child enjoys school – we are pleased with this figure but will work hard to raise it. We will always be aiming for 100% of children enjoying school!

One of the questions asked parents if they are kept sufficiently informed about their child's progress. If the teacher has any concerns about your child's progress, it is likely they will have already been in touch before the first parents evening and talked about how you can support them at home too. Our expectation is that for all children who are on track, parents will be informed at parents evening – I hope this clarifies this for a few families who weren't sure how often they should hear about their child's progress.

97% of parents that responded said they felt they could approach a member of staff if they were concerned. Please do come to see the class teacher if you have any worries about your child and their learning.

93% of parents that responded said they regularly read the newsletter – thank you. The newsletter is sent out as a paper copy to every family, is available on the website and is sent out through PING. We do remind children to give

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you the letters but sometimes they forget! We would like to move towards it being paper-free which a few parents suggested but we will be careful about how we do this.

We received a range of comments about organisation and communication which were really useful – thank you. We have given you dates for many activities throughout the year and we endeavour not to change these wherever possible. There are some events that only get decided throughout the year so we cannot give you advance notice of these – even if they are fixed dates, such as Children in Need, as we have to decide if we are going to participate in these events. However, we do take on board that sometimes our communication is last minute and we will try to improve that.

If your child has a special diet, this can usually be catered for through our School Meals Provider, Caterlink. You will need to collect a special form from the office and then this will be forwarded to Caterlink who may get in touch with you. Alternatively, you can download the form from the link below and email back to Caterlink yourself. Quite a few pupils and parents have commented about the meals being too small for year 6 and too big for Reception as all year groups get the same size meal. Unfortunately, we cannot do anything to change this but if you feel strongly about it, please contact Caterlink directly. You can find some further information here - <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/school-meals> - please do contact them if you have any concerns.

### School Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served for lunch on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner on this day, please let the school office know. The cost will be £2.20 to be paid via ParentPay.

Kind Regards

*Katie Blood*

Katie Blood  
Headteacher

### Calendar Dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7-8.30pm – Brighton Centre Concert

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15 -10.15am – Open Morning for prospective parents

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15pm – Years 3/4/5 Christmas Show

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – SEN Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15pm – Infant Nativity

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm – Carol Service at Church led by Year 6, all parents and families welcome**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – First day of term