

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



## St. Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School

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Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 1 Assembly

Last Friday we were treated to an assembly from year 1 to share what they have been learning. We were so pleased to have so many parents/carers in attendance – thank you.

*"I was shy. I didn't think it was the day for the assembly!" Flora*

*"We had lots of fun and we had lots of parents to watch us." Sian*

*"It was exciting. I loved the assembly because I loved the Alice in Wonderland actions." Igor*

*"I liked the dance at the end." Martha, year 4*

*"I liked their costumes." Brooke, year 4*

### Sports Day

We set all our dates at the beginning of the school year and we really try hard to stick to them, as we know some of you have to organise work and child care if it is a parent event. Unfortunately, due to staff training, we will be holding our Sports Day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June (this was always the reserve date that had been shared with you). The new reserve date is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Many apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

### OFSTED

As you know, we had an HMI visit on the 1st May and a copy of the Inspector found that the school is making effective progress against the recommendations from OFSTED. A letter detailing her findings was sent home with every child last week. If you have not yet read through this, a copy is available on our website at <http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/ofsted/271755>. We still have work to do but this is confirmation that we are on the right journey to becoming a "Good" school. It has been great that the local news has written about our progress to help spread the word too – articles available via:

<http://www.brightonandhovenews.org/2018/05/22/brighton-primary-school-wins-praise-after-ofsted-inspection/> and

[http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/16243724.School\\_is\\_on\\_the\\_right\\_track\\_to\\_improving/](http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/16243724.School_is_on_the_right_track_to_improving/).

### Attendance and Punctuality

Unfortunately, our school attendance is still a cause for concern and is still below the national average. If our attendance does not improve, our OFSTED rating cannot improve as attendance MUST be over 95%. At the moment, our school attendance is below this. Lots of families are currently taking holidays in term time and whilst we understand the reasons (school staff can ONLY go on holiday when it is expensive!), no holidays can be authorised. The holidays really do affect our attendance figures so please try your best to book ALL holidays in school holiday times.

A number of children are consistently arriving late to school. Please can we remind you that arriving late to school is very stressful for children and is extremely disruptive to learning in the classroom. It is your responsibility to ensure your child arrives to school on time and individual parents will be contacted if lateness does not improve. Can we also remind you that if your child arrives late to school and they have a scooter or bike **you cannot leave it at school because we cannot safely store it**. Our school gates are locked at 8.55am and by this time any scooters/bikes should have already been locked to the bike racks and your child should be in their classroom ready to start the day.

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## Clubs

The clubs available at school after half term are listed in the table below. Most clubs charge a small fee but please make an appointment to see me if there are financial constraints and your child would like to attend a club.

Day	Club	Start / Finish	Years	Member of staff / Organisation	Place	Cost per session	How to sign up	Finish Time
Monday	Drama	4 <sup>th</sup> June / 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2 – 6	Zylo Performance	Hall	£6.50	<a href="https://user.zyloperformance.co.uk/apply">https://user.zyloperformance.co.uk/apply</a>	4.30pm
Thursday	Cooking	7 <sup>th</sup> June / 19 <sup>th</sup> July	4	Mrs Barnett & Mrs Magrath	Year 5/6 area	£3.50	Contact the school office	4.30pm
Thursday	Music	7 <sup>th</sup> June / 19 <sup>th</sup> July	3 – 6	Mrs Paton	Year 2 classroom	£1.25	Contact the school office	4.15pm
Thursday	Writing	Every Thursday during term time	3 – 6	Little Green Pig	Year 6 classroom	FREE	<a href="https://www.littlegreenpig.org.uk/our-learning-programme/get-involved/">https://www.littlegreenpig.org.uk/our-learning-programme/get-involved/</a>	5pm

There are also some great clubs in the local area for primary age children that your child might be interested in

- For girls age 5+ - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> or speak to Ms Blood or Mrs Pacey
- For girls age 4+ - Girls' Brigade [http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-\\_32/](http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-_32/) or see Mrs Barnett
- For boys and girls age 6+ - Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts - <http://scouts.org.uk/home/>
- For boys and girls age 10+ - Sea Cadets - <https://www.sea-cadets.org/join-us>
- For boys age 5+ - Boys' Brigade <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/>
- For everyone, birth to adult – Woodcraft Folk - <https://woodcraft.org.uk/>

## Elite Dance

Elite Dance Brighton are experienced in holding fun and professional dance lessons in Ballet, Tap, Modern, Jazz and Street Dance for all ages. They provide our pupils with opportunities to express themselves creatively whilst nurturing dancers of all abilities.

Lessons are just £5.50 per lesson with a **10% discount on fees for all St. Bartholomew's school pupils**. There is also a free taster lesson for everyone!

They specialise in baby dance and provide exciting ballet and tap classes (from 3 years of age). Their highly experienced teaching staff have worked in the dance industry for many years and are ready to share their knowledge with our pupils in a fun learning environment.

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## Starfish After School Club

If you are in need of After School Childcare, please do remember that we have Starfish Club that meet on school premises until 6pm every night. Please contact Starfish directly for more information or to book a place. Their website address is [www.starfishkidsclub.co.uk](http://www.starfishkidsclub.co.uk) and they can be contacted via [info@starfishkidsclub.co.uk](mailto:info@starfishkidsclub.co.uk) or on 07941525291.

## Triple P workshops for children under 8

There are a number of FREE Triple P Group Workshops happening across the city in June for parents/carers with children under the age of 8.

Location	Date and time	Subject	How to book
Tarner Children's Centre	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 10-12pm	Managing fighting and aggression	Call Natalie on 01273 296700 or Tina on 01273 296356
Hollingdean Children's Centre	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 12.15- 2.30pm.	Bedtime routines and sleeping habits.	Call Natalie on 01273 296700 or Tina on 01273 296356.
Conway Court Children's Centre	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 10-12.15pm.	Managing your child's behaviour while out and about.	Call Natalie on 01273 296700 or Tina on 01273 296356.
Moulscroomb Children's Centre	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 10-12pm.	Managing fighting and aggression.	Call Vicky on 01273 2964040 Natalie on 01273 296700

Kind Regards

*Katie Blood*

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Headteacher

## 2017-18 Calendar Dates

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 class assembly (9.15am)  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (2.15pm)  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports day (2.15pm)  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – Withdean Athletics Tournament  
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