

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

World Book Day

All through the week, children have been participating in World Book Week activities and yesterday lots of children brought in potatoes dressed as book characters. We were so impressed with all the potatoes and the amount of time and effort that went into producing these. We will be announcing winners in assembly next week and hopefully your potato characters have come home today! Here are just a few of some of the potatoes that were brought in – I know some of you managed to see them at Parents Evening yesterday.



Red Pandas and Pangolins braved the torrential rain yesterday afternoon to visit the library for special World Book Day activities and there were lots of free books given out. Huge thanks to school staff for organising this and to the Jubilee Library for running this event for us – the children had a great time!

Penguin Class Assembly



The Penguins made quite a dramatic entrance to their assembly this morning! They also shared some of their wonderful writing and sang us a lovely song all about teamwork. The writing they shared was excellent and the children are using such wonderful vocabulary.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who could make it to the assembly today. We do understand that this isn't always possible due to your own work commitments.



Attendance Awards

Over 60 children achieved 100% attendance in the first half term of this year – well done to all of those children. We are so lucky that we have 2 local businesses who provide free rewards for our children – we say a huge THANK YOU to Al Campo and to the King and Queen. Yet again, this Monday, 2 groups of children visited these venues and had a wonderful time! They were treated to lovely snacks and refreshments!

Staffing

We have two temporary members of staff who are supporting pupils across the school as teaching assistants – welcome Miss Taylor and Miss Thomas.

We also have 2 new student teachers working with us in Jaguar Class, Miss Morgan and Miss Grey.

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Shim who has been an excellent student teacher in Koala class.

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Church School

Christian Values

This week, Father Martin did a lovely assembly about valuable paintings but explained that the most valuable painting of all, is when we look in the mirror. This is really important for all of us to remember – parents, staff and pupils.

Bible Verse

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 (GNB)

Reminders and Notices

Sports Relief

On Friday 13th March, we will be celebrating Sports Relief. For a recommended donation of £1, pupils and staff can wear sporty clothes all day! There will also, as always, be a range of sporty activities to participate in during Golden Time.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to Parent Consultations this week. If you did not make an appointment, or missed your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange another time to see them.

Coronavirus

We continue to follow the advice that we are provided by Public Health England and currently that includes a duty to inform you if we have any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus. We DO NOT currently have any suspected or confirmed cases but will inform you if we do.

We do appreciate that a small minority of staff, parents and pupils may be part of vulnerable groups who may be more anxious. The DfE have launched a helpline to answer questions about coronavirus related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Jaguar Revision Club

Jaguar Revision Club started this Tuesday (3rd March) and will run until 4pm in the Jaguar classroom. This is a great opportunity for children to do some SATs revision together and we would encourage all Jaguars to attend if they can. Hot chocolate and yummy cookies will be available!

Attendance

The school gates open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.55am. Learning starts as soon as the children enter the classroom, so even a few minutes late can mean your child is missing learning. Please try to be on time to school every day. Some children are regularly late due to traffic or missing the bus – if you know that this is the case, please leave earlier in the mornings! For children who come in significantly late, they can find it very embarrassing to walk in late, especially if it happens regularly, and they will have often missed important instructions for the work being done in class. If you are struggling to get your child to school on time for any reason, please make an appointment to see me so we can try to address any issues together.

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Aylah-Tae's Haircut

Aylah-Tae in Penguin Class is having her hair cut on 28th March to raise money for Forward Facing, an amazing charity that supports families whose children are living with long-term or life-limiting conditions. Please feel free to share the link below and/or donate to this brilliant cause.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/superherosonhairchop?utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=Superherosonhairchop&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=N9M2zJMGx

Local Opportunities

Brighton School of Samba

The Brighton School of Samba runs regular open bateria and dance workshops, welcoming participants from all ages, backgrounds and abilities. It makes Sunday great fun and is a great thing to do as a family and become part of a band which actively performs at many community events and paid performances too. The Brighton School of Samba always play in Burning of the Clocks, Pride and are regularly invited to play in Liverpool and Copenhagen. They meet at Carlton Hill School on Sundays, 6-7pm for beginners and 7-9pm improvers. For more information, contact them via info@brightonschoolofsamba.org.uk. If your child is interested, they can also speak to Mariia in Jaguar Class to find out more about it!

East Brighton Community Basketball Initiative

East Brighton Community Basketball Initiative is a non-profit basketball club created by basketball players, coaches, enthusiasts and members of the local community to promote basketball playing opportunities in Brighton. They aim to offer basketball playing opportunities for everyone in Brighton in a welcoming, healthy and competitive environment for young people. They are currently offering a free training session for under 12s on Sunday 15th March at Manor Road Gym. Visit <https://www.eastbrightoncbi.org/> to find out more. Your child can also ask Mariia in Jaguar Class about how great it is!

Spring Term Calendar Dates

March

9th – Let's Dance!
10th – PTFA Meeting (2.30pm)
13th – Sports Relief
17th – Parent Forum (2.30pm)
20th – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.15 – 9.45am)
24th – Year 5 Parents Meeting – PGL (2.30pm)
27th – PTFA Film Night (TBC)

April

2nd – Easter Parade and Mass (AM)
3rd – Non-Uniform Day
3rd – Pangolin Guitar Assembly (9.30am)
3rd – Last Day of Term
20th – Pupils return
20th, 21st and 22nd – Year 5 Residential to PGL

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher