

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Harvest Trail and Harvest Festival**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we held a wonderful Harvest Trail event in the church facilitated by Pauline Lovelock and funded with the support of Father Martin.

The children took part in a range of activities in the church, including making prayer flowers, thinking about giving gifts, prayer ribbons, floating boats and tasting fruit! One visitor to the church said "It was lovely to see the church full of joy."

*"I thought when we made the boats, it looked like a ducks mouth at first. I enjoyed making the boats and putting them on the water. I also liked tasting the fruit – I liked the mango and pineapple. I learnt that it is nice to give presents because it helps people" Tilly, Year 2*

*"I liked everything. I learnt more stories about Jesus - some I didn't know before." Brooke, Year 5*

*"I liked the different activities, especially the food trying." Martha, Year 4*

*"I liked making starfish because they opened in the water and changed colour." Theo, Year 2*

*"I learnt that sharing things was good so that other people can get a go." Edie, Year 3*

*"I learnt about making boats and the story about when God made the flood." Aimee-Leigh, Year 4*

*"I learnt to share with everyone, including homeless people. I learnt to ask questions so you can find things out." Ulla, Year 5*

When we returned for a celebration at the end of the day, some of the children shared some work they had been doing. Year 2 shared an amazing dance they had put together.

*"We were so scared before we did our dance but when we had done it, we wanted to do it again!" Sapphire Star, Year 2*

*"We were very excited to go to the church. At first we were scared to go up in front of everyone in school and visitors and then we were kind of excited at the end." Kayla, Year 2*



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We are very grateful to all the staff who made such amazing resources before the event – there were some wonderful objects to add to the display. We also had many volunteers from the church and the wider community so a big thank you to Mary, Tony, Sylvia, Howard, Jerry, Mike and all the other church volunteers who made the day possible. Also, we give a big thank you to all the parents that came along to help during the day and celebrate with us in the afternoon.



Later in the week, we had our Harvest Festival and you were all so generous with your donations. Father Martin loaded his boot full of shower gel, shampoo and many other toiletries to be used by the homeless at St Ann's homeless centre. Thank you for your generosity – it really is appreciated.

## **Be More Snail**

We held a Be More Snail day at the end of last term to raise further money for The Martlets. Hopefully you have all had a chance to see our snail in the window of the Martlets Charity Shop on London Road. On the day we raised about £200 – thank you once again for your support.

## **Attendance Awards**

This week, all children who achieved 100% attendance for the first half term, received an attendance reward. Children in Reception all received a prize kindly donated by Flying Tiger and children in Years 5 and 6 went to Al Campo for refreshments, kindly donated for free by the café. A big thank you to our local businesses for these generous prizes. All pupils who achieved 100% in year 1, 2, 3 and 4, were treated to a game of Human Hungry Hippos – it was great fun!



*"Even though I couldn't use both arms, I still had fun!"*  
Archie, Year 4

*"I really liked going on the skateboard because the way you rolled was fun!"* Tamia, Year 3

*"I like going on the skateboard, especially when people pulled you back. It was like going down a mountain!"* Fabian, Year 3



We also extend a big thank you to all of our teachers who are putting in extra effort to encourage our pupils to be good attenders. We are very grateful to The Dorset Bar and Kitchen who have kindly donated prizes to use with staff who have worked hard to improve the attendance of their class – thank you.

Thank you to everyone who entered the attendance poster competition. The judges will look at them soon and we will announce the winners, hopefully in the next newsletter.

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## **NSPCC Day**

This week, the NSPCC came to deliver assemblies to children from Years 2 to 6, as well as workshops to Years 5 and 6. The children listened attentively to the important messages about how to stay safe – you can see from what they said below that they all learnt something new. Please visit <https://www.childline.org.uk/> to find out more. We also have some online safety booklet provided by the NSPCC to give to parents – these will be available in the entrance hall from Monday.

*"I would tell my mum if anyone was unkind to me online." Shylah, Year 4*

*"If you haven't got anyone to talk to, you can always speak to Childline." Layla, Year 6*

*"I didn't know the Childline number before but its 0800 1111." Ellie, Year 6*

## **MADE Fair Cafe**

Next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, the school hall will be open for drinks and cakes between 10am and 4pm, to raise money for the school build. The church have a large craft fair on the same day, so visitors and stall holders are invited to come in but so are all of you! Many staff members and governors have kindly volunteered to come into school on a Saturday for our pupils and have managed to cover most of the day. However, if there are ANY parents that can help from 2pm – 5pm, please let the office staff know. I would be VERY grateful.

If you really can't help or attend, it would be amazing if the bakers among you could make and donate cakes (please bring them to school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November).

There will be a few craft items for sale in our hall too. We will also have raffle tickets for sale for our Grand Christmas Draw – there are some super prizes to be won and some more to come! Currently we have:

A JVC TV from Advanced Connections

A meal for 2 from Pizza Express

2 pier ride wristbands for Brighton Palace Pier

A large cuddly toy donated from Brighton Palace Pier

A Fatto a Mano Voucher

Lazer Zone Vouchers

Cinema Passes for Cineworld

Thank you so far to ALL of the businesses that have donated – we really appreciate their support. Please have a think if there is anything you can donate – perhaps you are a hairdresser and you could donate a free cut, or maybe you are a qualified manicurist and could offer a free polish!

We will also create some Christmas Hampers to go in the raffle and would appreciate it if every family could donate some non-perishable Christmas food for this – biscuits, cake, wine, chocolate, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pudding etc. Children can wear **non-uniform** on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** in exchange for bringing in something for the hamper.

## **School Ping**

Thank you to the 74% of parents who have signed up to School Ping, our new messaging service. This replaces our previous text messaging service and is a lot cheaper for the school. If you haven't signed up already, please do. If you need help, please speak to Miss Charlton or Mrs Foster in the school office.

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## Brighton Fringe

Children from across Brighton and Hove are being invited to design the cover of the 2019 Brighton Fringe Family Guide. England's largest arts festival is challenging children 11 years and under to create a piece of original cover art inspired by the tagline for Brighton Fringe 2019: **'Dare to Discover'**. They should use an A4 piece of paper, in landscape orientation, to design what they think 'daring to discover' looks like. The final cover image will be shrunk down to A5 – so they should make sure not to write or draw too small.

The winner will see their work on the front of 80,000 Brighton Fringe Family Guides and receive a gift voucher worth £200 to spend on tickets at Brighton Fringe 2019. They will also receive a Gold Friends membership entitling them to 2 for 1 offers on events and many more benefits. Three runners-up will win two tickets to a Brighton Fringe children's show of their choice.

Julian Caddy, CEO of Brighton Fringe, said: "'Dare to Discover' can be a call to action, a challenge, an invitation. It's a chance to push your own boundaries and to get away from your everyday. You never know where you may end up!"

This year's judging panel includes Mark Oliver, the illustrator for the Brighton Fringe 2019 brochure, and The Pebble Trust. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, 19 December. Include your name, age, school, and your parent or guardian's email on the back of the picture and send your landscape A4 artwork to:

## 'Dare to Discover' Competition

Brighton Fringe Ltd  
Brighton MET  
Pelham Street  
Brighton, East Sussex  
BN1 4FA

Kind Regards

Katie Blood  
Headteacher

## November - December Calendar Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day (for hamper donations)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Spotacular cake sale in the playground after school

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 5.30pm – MADE Fair

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 9.15 -10.15am – Open Morning for prospective parents

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30 – 3.30pm – SATS meeting for Year 2 parents

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6-7pm – SATS meeting for Year 6 parents

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

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm – Carol Service at Church led by Year 6

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