

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have nearly made it to the end of the year! This has been my first full year as headteacher and I couldn't be happier that I got the job here. It is the most wonderful place to work and I look forward to many more good years with you! Thank you for trusting us with your child's education.

### Year 6

We say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 at the assembly on Monday at 2.15pm. Parents/carers are invited to watch and Year 6 can go home early, if their parents/carers are here. Their last day is Tuesday and they may bring a white shirt to be signed. We really do wish them every success in the future and would love to hear from them from time to time.

### SATS Results

We are thrilled with the children's achievements this year and we are particularly pleased about the improvement in Year 2 and Year 6 against last year's scores. Everyone in school has worked immensely hard to make improvements and I am lucky to work with such a committed team. Well done to everyone but especially our amazing pupils.

Key Stage 1	
Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard
English reading	72%
English writing	66%
Mathematics	69%
Science	76%

Key Stage 2	
Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard
English reading	73%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	73%
Mathematics	82%
English writing	68%
Science	73%

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## The Greatest Show

The children in Year 6 treated us to an excellent performance of The Greatest Show. There was singing, dancing, acrobatics and even a lion! The children worked really hard and clearly enjoyed putting on the show:

*"I think it was a really great experience. I never thought we would do it all together. It was a tough show but we did it!" Sukura*

*"It was a good experience but it was tough as we only had a short period of time to do it" Seb*

*"It was a fun time and I am glad that everyone got a part. It was an amazing experience that everyone enjoyed, including the audience." Alisha*

*"Roar! It was confusing at first but then, in the end, everything turned out great!" Johnny (the lion!)*



## Ivor Goodsite

Most of you will have seen the St Bartholomew's artwork on the hoardings for one of the local building sites. We are delighted that our art work was a runner up in the Ivor Goodite Hoarding Competition! The school had a magnificent trophy and all contributors received a medal and goodie bag. Thanks to Mr Beggs for organising this.

## Bike Ride

It was Year 6's turn for a bike ride this week – they cycled to Hove Lawns for fun, games and a picnic. The children, and adults, did brilliantly and all arrived safely!



*"I think it was very good and we all got to connect with each and play fun games. Bike-it Lucy made the safety rules fun!" Jude*

*"I liked it when we got there because we had loads of activities to choose from. We had time to chat to our friends. It was nice – we got to be with people we aren't always with. Bike-it Lucy and the helpers, helped us to know the safety of the road and encouraged us." Naomi*

*"It was nice that everyone got to come, even if they couldn't ride a bike. Bike-it Lucy taught us to do wheelies and stand on our seats! Bike –it Lucy made it happen – she is the best!" Harrison*

*"At Hove Lawns, Bike-it Lucy, Mr Beggs, Alisha and Melanie helped me to ride a bike." Isabelle*

## Summer Party

What a wonderful evening we had last Friday – thank you SO much to everyone who made it possible, especially all the wonderful parents who gave up their time to plan, prepare and run such a fabulous event. Thank you also to DJ Washington and to Mrs Paton and her music club for entertaining us for the evening. The event raised over £500.

We did text on Monday to let you know that parent's phone did go missing during the evening – please check that it's not in your house/bag/pushchair by mistake and pop it back to school. It would be terribly sad to think that someone had taken it on purpose.

## Staffing

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Ahmed this week. She has been a fabulous midday supervisor and more recently has been supporting children with their learning. We wish her every success in the future.

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### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will continue in September and children will need to be booked in through the office in the usual way. The price will now be £2 a day as we are no longer subsidised. We are looking into other grants to help us reduce the cost of Breakfast Club for parents. Staff at Breakfast Club will be Mrs Pacey (coordinator), Mrs Waughman, Mrs Heading (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Miss Irwin (Thursday, Friday). There may be some small changes over the first term but children will still be able to enjoy a delicious breakfast and time with their friends!

### Brighton & Hove Music & Arts

We have had so many children learning instruments over the last year and we have had some great performances too.

Your child can take up the opportunity of learning the **violin** and **guitar** here at school and we are also pleased to confirm that in addition we will also be offering **keyboard** and **singing** lessons for the first time from September.

Lessons are provided by teachers from Brighton & Hove Music & Arts (BHMA). BHMA have contacted us to confirm that places are still available and request that applications are made as soon as possible to start lessons in September. Please note that help with the cost of lessons is available for families receiving free school meals or on low incomes.

Lessons are first offered to children in the following year groups:

From Year 2, 3, 4, 5, 6: violin, keyboard

From Year 4, 5, 6: guitar, singing

If you would like to apply online for lessons you can do so via <https://www.bhma.org.uk/online-instrumental-form> or please ask at the school office for an application form. Please contact BHMA via email at [bhma@brightondome.org](mailto:bhma@brightondome.org) for further information.

### Term dates

A copy of next year's term dates will be going home with this Newsletter. **PLEASE** take note of these dates. They are also available on our website at [http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/term\\_dates\\_2018-19](http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/term_dates_2018-19). As you should now all be aware, you are not permitted to take your child out of school during term time for a holiday and if you do so you will be referred to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice under section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

Unfortunately, we have had to refer several families for Fixed Penalty Notices this year and these absences have had a detrimental effect not only on the learning of these children, but on our school attendance as a whole. For our Ofsted rating to improve, our school attendance must improve and the only way that we can do this is with the support of parents and carers. Occasionally, absences can be authorised but **ONLY** if you have met with the headteacher **BEFORE** the booking has been made – this year we did authorise some holidays afterwards but this is no longer possible. If you want to discuss taking your child out of school during term time, please make an appointment to see me **before the holiday is booked**. If you choose not to inform the school, we would ask you not to encourage your children to lie about the reason they have been absent – it can be very difficult for them. If you have chosen to take them on holiday, they should be able to talk about their experiences and share them with their friends.

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## Attendance Awards

We will be giving out attendance awards on Monday to individual pupils with over 98% attendance for the year. We have had fantastic prizes donated by Fatto A Mano, LaserQuest and BRICCT Academy! Thank you so much to all of them for supporting our drive to improve attendance.

## Chomp Brighton

Chomp helps low income families during school holidays and term time by providing a free nutritious meal for all the family alongside fun activities to increase social engagement and confidence with peers. Please see the table below for details of Chomp events during the Summer Holidays. To register and for more information please call 01273 694746 or visit their website, <https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/>.

Where:	When:
<b>Chomp Benfield</b> Benfield Primary School, 255 Old Shoreham Rd, Portslade, BN41 1XS	Mondays 11am-1pm  Thursdays 11am-1pm
<b>Chomp Bevendean</b> Salvation Army, Leybourne Road, Bevendean, BN2 4LT	Mondays 11am-1pm  Thursdays 11am-1pm
<b>Chomp Fabrica</b> Fabrica Art Gallery, Duke Street, BN1 1AG	Mondays 11am-1pm 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Chomp Gloucester Place (city centre)</b> One Church Brighton, Gloucester Place, BN1 4AA	Tuesdays 11am-1pm  Thursdays 11am-1pm
<b>Chomp Hangleton &amp; Knoll Project</b> Knoll Recreation Park, Rowan Avenue, Hove, BN3 7JH	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 11am-1pm only
<b>Chomp Moulsecoomb</b> <b>Hillview Good News Centre</b> , Hodshrove Lane, BN2 4SB	Mondays 11am-1pm Wednesdays 11am-1pm
<b>Chomp Hove Methodist Church</b> Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5DR	Tuesdays 11-1pm 31 <sup>st</sup> July and 28 <sup>th</sup> August only
<b>Chomp Whitehawk</b> St David's Hall Whitehawk Road, Brighton. BN2 5FL	Wednesdays 11am - 1pm  Fridays 11am-1pm

## Brighton Footgolf

Brighton Footgolf have kindly donated vouchers for children from St. Bartholomew's to play a session of Footgolf for free (with a paying adult). Vouchers are available from the office if you would like to collect one.

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## Free Summer Coding Workshops

Junior Game Creators have secured a bursary from Barclays to run their creative coding workshops at the Barclays Eagle lab in Brighton during the summer holidays for children aged 8 – 12 years. Children can learn to code, make games and explore computer science. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, they can get a place on the workshop for free, using the code 'PPP'. For more information and to book a place, visit their website, <https://juniorgamecreators.co.uk/>.

**Have a wonderful summer and we will see many of you in September.**

Kind Regards

*Katie Blood.*

Katie Blood  
Headteacher

## **2017-18 Calendar Dates**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Leaver's Assembly (2.15pm)  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET Day  
September 4<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day  
September 5<sup>th</sup> – First day of term for pupils