

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Children's Act of Remembrance**

We were so proud of Year 6 last week when they attended the Children's Act of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's Church, led by Father Martin. Liam, Seb, Isabelle and Johnny read some moving poems about Remembrance. They read beautifully and their voices could be heard throughout the church. Matilda and Amiee laid the wreath of behalf of the school and performed the role with the respect that it deserved. All of our Year 6 pupils behaved impeccably and showed a huge amount of respect to the servicemen and dignitaries who were also in attendance. Well done Year 6, Miss Keeling and Ms Powell.

Some of our Year 6 were also able to chat to ex-servicemen, from who they learnt a great deal. We were proud that our children recognised and chatted to our MP, Caroline Lucas. The Mayor's driver told them all about the history of the Mayor's Mace and its value which was a bit of a surprise!

Children in the rest of the school created branches full of poppies that were also displayed in church. Thank you to all teachers and pupils that participated but particularly to Mr Beggs and Miss Williams who coordinated the work in school.

*"I really liked how they controlled the flags. The bag piper and the choir were amazing. Liam, Johnny, Isabelle and Seb were really brave for reading." – Harrison*

*"It felt good to read in the church. I felt a little nervous. The day before, I felt like I didn't want to do it. After I had done it, I felt proud." – Isabelle*

*"I felt really nervous when I put the wreath out. My heart was pounding. When I got to the drums to lay the wreath, I stopped feeling nervous and I just felt really relaxed. I thought the service was really good, amazing!" – Amiee*



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## **Year 1 Multi Sports**

Earlier this week, children from Year 1 participated in a Multi Sports activity day, organised by the Brighton City Partnership for Education (BCPFE - <https://www.bcpfe.org.uk/>). They travelled there by public bus and enjoyed taking part in a range of sporting activities to help them keep fit and develop their skills. There will be photos uploaded on the Partnership website, so please do keep having a look!



Miss Foster was very proud of the children as they worked hard and did fantastic listening. Some children, including Cyrus, worked so hard at improving a skill that they were chosen to show this in front of children from ALL over the City Partnership.

*"We did a jumping one. We had to jump over low and high things." - Matty*

*"It was kind of tiring. My favourite part was running and jumping next to ribbon and then putting the hoop over us and then running back to the end!" - Olivia*

*"My tooth came out when we were sitting down! We were throwing bean bags and I enjoyed it." - Ava*

*"We did over and under." - Flo*

*"We did hurdling." - Mo*

*"I went on the number 21." - Matthew*

*"We did passing." - Sian*

## **Attendance**

Last week, year 3 went to Al Campo for their Attendance Reward. They enjoyed hot chocolate or pink lemonade and pastries. Thanks so much to all of those children who were in school every day – it really makes a difference. Al Campo have kindly agreed to offer the same reward next term too.

*"It was actually pretty fancy! We had a long table." - Solomon*

*"I liked the chocolate croissants. Mr Beggs handed out the extras so we had one and a half each!" - Archie*

*"The thing I liked was that we got chocolate croissant. I had a hot chocolate." - Shylah*

Although coughs and colds can be irritating and make you feel a bit under the weather, children **can** come into school with these. We also know that it is difficult getting your child to school if their sibling or you are unwell but this is not counted as an authorised absence. Some people manage this by asking other parents to help out in return for helping them in a similar situation. We do understand that this doesn't work for all families, but with the penalties for unauthorised attendance becoming stricter, please do make sure your child is in school even if another family member is poorly.

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## ParentPay

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit if you are ordering school lunches or your child is attending Breakfast Club. If you do not have a ParentPay account, or have forgotten your password, please speak to the school office and they can set an account up for you or reset your password. If you do not pay, the school has to subsidise these – sometimes, we end up paying for over £100 of school dinners or breakfast club in a week. This takes funding away from other areas of the school – your children miss out.

## Pupil Point Competition

We are launching a fabulous competition for pupil's to design a Pupil Point Logo to be printed on a hoodie and a cap as part of our reward scheme. Children will come home with the entry form next week and can complete it at home. Please support them to complete this. The winners will be announced after Christmas.

## School Improvement Plan

Our school has a School Improvement Plan which addresses many of the issues in our previous inspection report. For anyone who wants to read the full 60+ pages of this document we have written, we will be putting it on our website. However, our main areas of development are summarised in this poster. You will have seen these posters around school already, I am sure!

In February, there will be an opportunity for you to give us further feedback but also to make suggestions that may be included in NEXT year's School Improvement Plan. One area for development that many of you have suggested already is communication so please begin to think about how this could be improved from a parent's point of view and bring them along to the event in February. We want it to work for you.



## Playground

We are in the process of making the playground a nicer place for the children. As you can see from our website, we will be zoning areas of the playground with different activities. As you will be aware, school budgets have been cut and all schools are facing financial difficulties at the moment.

We are therefore trying to make the playground more inviting on an extremely limited budget and are looking for donations of the following:

- A leather or faux-leather sofa or chair
- An old iPod
- Any dressing-up items
- Anything that can be used for den building (sheets, tarpaulin, rope, cushions etc.)
- Any wooden tables, chairs or crates

Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you as always for your generosity.

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## **Parents' Evening**

Thanks to all of you that attended our Parents' Evenings last week. We were pleased that so many of you valued the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. We will be collating our questionnaires and using some of your comments and ideas to add to next year's School Improvement Plan.

## **25<sup>th</sup> November**

Next Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, we will be providing refreshments for the MADE craft fair being held at the church. If you feel that you could provide us with some cakes that we could sell at the event, we would be very grateful. Alternatively, please pop in to have a cup of tea and cake and buy a raffle ticket for our Christmas Hamper Raffle! You can come in for a cup of tea, even if you aren't going to the Craft Fair. We do have a handful of complimentary tickets for the first few parents that come for a cup of tea!

If you run a small business and you have items to sell, you can "buy a table" from us and sell them in the hall on the day. A table costs £10 and the fair runs from 10.30am – 5.30pm, although you don't have to stay all day. Please let us know by WEDNESDAY if you would like a table.

## **PTFA Children's Christmas Disco**

Our Christmas disco will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm – 5.15pm. Parents of Reception children are requested to stay, and all other children will be escorted from their class to the hall for the disco by the school staff. Parents can collect from the Breakfast Club entrance (green door opposite Sainsbury's) at 5.15pm. Children can wear their disco clothes to school and so they will not need to get changed.

The tickets will cost £4 and will include food and drink. They will be on sale at the office very soon - a text will be sent out when they are available. Children will not need to bring any other money to the disco.

If you can help on the day, please let us know – we really do need more of you to help us. If you really can't help on the day, we would be grateful if you could provide some cakes for us to give out to the children. We know in the past there has been a "Bake Off" element to the disco – we are planning to do this as an event in its own right in the Spring!

We would also be grateful if anyone has an artificial tree or any decorations that they could donate to the school, so the PTFA team can decorate the hall for the children.

## **Sleep Success Workshop**

The Children's Sleep Charity is delivering a 'Sleep Success Workshop' specifically for Brighton parents and carers. The workshop will be led by qualified and experienced sleep practitioners who specialise in working with families with children who have additional needs. It will include strategies to help manage sleep issues and establish appropriate bedtime and morning routines. If you find it difficult to get your child to bed at night or up in the morning, this workshop could help.

It takes place on Friday 1st December 2017 from 9.30am to 2.30pm at St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School, Eastern Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6PE. To book your FREE Place or for more information, please contact Lauren on [info@thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk](mailto:info@thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk) or 01302 751416.

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## **Bake Off**

Applications are now open for the 9th series of The Great British Bake Off.

The Great British Bake Off is looking for the UK's best home bakers to enter the tent.

Who is the best baker you know? Visit: [www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk).

If you or someone you know thinks they have what it takes to bake in the tent, then please do encourage them to visit [applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://applyforbakeoff.co.uk) or they can email us for more information at [casting@lovewest.co.uk](mailto:casting@lovewest.co.uk) – wouldn't it be great to have a parent from St Bartholomew's on the show?

Kind Regards

*Katie Blood*

Katie Blood  
Headteacher

## **Calendar Dates**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 3 and 4 cinema trip
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November (10.30am-5.30pm)	MADE Brighton at St Bartholomew's Church
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (R-Year 4)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (5.30-6.30pm)	Beach Hut Advent Calendar
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (2.15pm)	Year 3/4/5 Concert - Hall
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)	Year 3/4/5 Concert - Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (2.15pm)	Year R/1/2 Concert - Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)	Year R/1/2 Concert - Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 5.15pm	PTFA Christmas Disco
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	Carol Service led by Year 6 - Church
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Spring Term