

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Date: Friday 3rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Choir Performance

Today we were treated to an amazing performance by Graveney School, Tooting, London. The 90 pupil strong Senior Choir (year 9-13) and musicians treated the whole school to a range of classical, rock and pop songs. Our children were beautifully behaved and enjoyed the performance immensely! Thank you to Miss Evans for organising this and to Leah Sharpe's Mum who put us in touch with the school.

At the end of the concert, some of the children asked how they could sing like that. One of choir, Alanis said "You can all do it by practising."

When I spoke to some children afterwards, this is what they said:

Year 1

Mo – "It was good."

Theo – "There was lots of singing."

Year 2

Tamia – "They were amazing!"

Masie-Leigh – "I want to be a singer!"

Thomas – "2 billion likes!"

Coco – "I liked the Florence and the Machine one best!"

Effie – "That was AMAZING!"

Year 4

Vasilios – "It was amazing. I just wanted to get up and dance!"

Noah – "It inspired me to play instruments."

Adam – "It was joyful."

Ben – "It was fascinating."

Thank you also to Mrs Pacey, the school cook and some of year 6 who supported with refreshments for the choir.

Toddler Group

Our school toddler group takes place on a Thursday morning in the community room. All parents with pre-school age children are welcome to come to join in the fun! Just turn up or see Helen Barnett who works in year 1 for more information.



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Open Sessions for Prospective Parents

We have 3 more open sessions for parents who are applying for Reception school places for September 2018. Please do come along if this is you or let friends, family or neighbours know about these. If you feel that you can put a poster up in your window, neighbourhood noticeboard, community space, shop or business, please collect one from Miss Charlton in the office – we would be very grateful. The dates are:

Tuesday 7th November, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 30th November, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 12th January 2018, 9.15-10.15am

Christmas

We finalised (most) of our plans for Christmas celebrations in last night's staff meeting and now we are delighted to share them with you!

Year 3/4/5 Concert – School Hall

7th December 2.15pm
8th December 9.15am

Year R/1/2 Concert – School Hall

12th December 2.15pm
13th December 9.15am

Carol Service led by Year 6 - Church

18th December 2.15pm (to be confirmed)

Christmas Dinner

13th December

Beach Hut Advent Calendar

6th December 5.30 – 6.30pm

Children's Christmas Disco

Date to be confirmed

For the concerts, we will let you know about tickets closer to the concert dates; due to fire regulations, we do need to ensure that we don't exceed the limit of people in the school hall. Tickets will be free but ALL audience members will need a ticket. The children will also get the chance to perform to the rest of the school. The Carol Service will be led by Year 6 and Father Martin but will be attended by all children and is an open invitation to all parents. You will not need a ticket for this.

We are lucky enough to be part of the Beach Hut advent calendar project this year which will be led by Year 6. Go to http://www.beyondchurch.co.uk/menu_1.php to find out more! We will let you know further details when we have them.

Remembrance Service

Next Friday, children in Year 6 will be attending the Royal British Legion Remembrance service at St. Bartholomew's Church. We are hoping this will be finished by the end of the school day but Year 6 MAY be a little bit late back to school. Also, please be aware that parking may be a bit tricky that afternoon – please do not bring a vehicle unless you have to.

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Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 for achieving the best attendance for last half term! Their attendance as a class was 97.41%, which is well above the national average. They will be going to Alcampo Lounge for hot chocolate and cake on Wednesday 8th November as a reward. We feel that it is really important to both encourage and reward good attendance at school and Alcampo Lounge have very kindly offered to provide us with the children's reward on this occasion.

Here are the class attendance figures for last half term:

1 st place	Year 3 – 97.41%
2 nd place	Year 1 – 96.75%
3 rd place	Year 5 – 96.18%
4 th place	Year 6 – 95.51%
5 th place	Year 4 – 95.36%
6 th place	Year R – 94.01%
7 th place	Year 2 – 93.05%

Who is going to win this term? The competition for this term is back on so please help your child to attend school on time, EVERY day. The following chart shows what missing days can mean for your child. Evidence shows that those children with the poorest attendance tend to make the poorest academic progress and tend to have more friendship and social problems.

175 non school days a year					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
365 days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
	190 School days in each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
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GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action	

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings take place next Wednesday and Thursday in the school hall. If you haven't done so already, please sign up on the sheets outside the school office. If you cannot get to school, please email the office and they will allocate you a slot. It is really important that we work in partnership to help your children to be the best they can be. We will be using the green door opposite Sainsbury's for Parents' Evening so please make sure you use this door to get in to the hall.

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City Partnership

As a school, we are part of the Brighton City Partnership for Education which helps us provide additional opportunities to our pupils and families. Each school contributes to be part of this but it is also a charity that receives donations from elsewhere. There is a LocalGiving page where anyone can contribute – perhaps you could share it with friends and family - <https://localgiving.org/charity/brighton-city-partnership-for-education/>.

The Partnership Family Support Service is available to all of our families through the the school's membership of the City Partnership. Family Support Workers are able to provide support and advice around a wide range of family issues. They are able to meet with you and offer tailor-made support to suit your needs. Please visit the website <https://www.bcpfe.org.uk/family-support-services/> for further information or contact the team on familysupport@middlestreet.brighton-hove.sch.uk

The Family Store is open to all parents/carers in our school who may need some support with items for the home such as towels, bedding, books and toys as well as a selection of clothes, coats and shoes. All items are good quality, second-hand donations. The store is located at the Middle Street offices of the Family Support Service and if you would like to access the Family Store, please contact 01273 291478 or email familysupport@middlestreet.brighton-hove.sch.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 experiences 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.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 29th November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations (R-Year 4)

Thursday 9th November – Year 5 cinema trip

Tuesday 14th November – Years 2 and 6 cinema trip

Wednesday 15th November – Reception and Year 1 cinema trip

Monday 20th November – Years 3 and 4 cinema trip

Wednesday 6th December 5.30-6.30pm – Beach Hut Advent Calendar

Thursday 7th (2.15pm) and Friday 8th December (9.15am) – Year 3/4/5 Concert - Hall

Tuesday 12th (2.15pm) and Wednesday 13th December (9.15am) – Year R/1/2 Concert - Hall

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner

Monday 18th December 2.15pm (to be confirmed) – Carol Service led by Year 6 - Church

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of Autumn Term

Thursday 4th January – First day of Spring Term

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