

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Shows

We have enjoyed two wonderful Christmas Shows this term performed by our wonderful children. Firstly, we watched a wonderful range of acting, singing, dancing and readings from Years 3, 4 and 5. The children worked so hard to put on an excellent show for you all!

Yesterday, we enjoyed a performance from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a modern take on the Nativity story. It was great fun and led brilliantly by the children in Year 2. Our very youngest children in Reception and our Year 1 pupils sang beautifully.

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to make it to watch a performance – the children love having an audience to perform for!

Beach Hut Advent Calendar

On very wet and windy Thursday evening, the work of Year 6 was featured in the Beach Hut Advent Calendar of the day. Miss Keeling and Mrs Powell worked hard in the terrible weather to display it all beautifully. Despite the weather, there were a large number of visitors and the work was much admired by them all. Meridian News also filmed it so we are hoping it may appear at some point on the television – we haven't seen it yet!



Caroline Lucas' Christmas Card Competition

Caroline Lucas visited us in assembly today to present Angela in Year 1 with a certificate. Angela's design was one of three winning entries into Caroline Lucas' Christmas Card Competition! Well done, Angela!

Carol Service

On Monday, Year 6 will be leading the Christmas Carol Service. All parents are welcome to attend – it will begin at 2.15pm and will be finished before the end of the school day. We will be making a small collection at the end of the service for a local charity, so please bring along a little bit of change if you can!

Soundmakers Project

Year 5 treated us to a fantastic guitar performance today to celebrate the end of their Soundmakers project with Mr Walker from the Brighton and Hove music service. We were lucky to have special guest Caroline Lucas join us for the assembly and she really enjoyed the performance!

If your child is interested in taking up guitar lessons, please see <https://www.bhma.org.uk> for more information on how to apply.

Bring and Buy Sale

The School Council are organising a Bring and Buy Sale which will take place on January 23rd. Please bring any donations into school in January and take them to the Year 6 classroom. If you are having a Christmas clear out, please think of us!

Learning for Life within Christian Values

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Fitbit Style Watches

Some children have begun to wear Fitbit style watches to school. Although this is currently allowed, please remember that it is important not to bring expensive items into school because if these get lost or broken, the school cannot be held responsible for them. No watches that can connect to the internet or receive messages can be brought to school for obvious reasons and if they are, they will be stored in the office with the mobile phones.

Premier League Poetry Competition

Last month, Year 5 wrote free verse on the theme of 'diversity' to enter into a competition organised by The Premier League. Judges include Rio Ferdinand and Olly Murs! After much writing, editing and drafting, three particularly amazing poems were selected to be sent away.

This week, we received some exciting news. Although the competition is open for another few weeks, the judges were **so** impressed by the quality and originality of the poetry received from us, they have sent us 12 poetry books to further fuel our love of reading.



Special congratulations go to our 3 amazing poets, Jamie, Davey and Phoenix, who have all received a book of their choice to take home and keep.

We cannot wait to hear the final result of the competition now, to see if we win the chance for the actual Premier League trophy to visit our school!

Term dates

School finishes NEXT Wednesday 19th December at the usual time. We come back on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Monday 17th December, 2.15pm – Carol Service at Church led by Year 6

Wednesday 19th December – Last day of term

Thursday 3rd January – First day of term

Thursday 17th January, 9.15am – Open Morning for prospective Reception parents

Friday 18th January – Year 5 Class Assembly

Wednesday 23rd January – Bring and Buy Sale

Friday 1st February – Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 15th February – Last day of half term

Monday 25th February – INSET DAY

Tuesday 26th February – Pupils return