

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Withdean Athletics

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, we were extraordinarily proud to celebrate our record breaking Withdean Athletics performance. Not only did we finish a hugely successful 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our division of 7 schools, but we came a fantastic joint 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 23 schools in the Field Events Cup (throwing and jumping). 33 pupils from our school took part and in total they won 35 medals (20 gold, 9 silver and 6 bronze).

To make a great event even better, all pupils behaved fantastically from the moment they walked into school early (many thanks to all the parents and carers who made this happen), to the moment we arrived back. We cannot wait for the event, next year! Many thanks to all the adults who helped make the day run smoothly.



## Year 6 Transition Day

Year 6 had a fabulous day at the MET College, completing team building and sports activities with friends from their new secondary schools. It was a great day, organised by the Brighton City Partnership for Education (BCPFE). Well done for excellent behaviour year 6 – we were very proud of you.

## Reception Class Assembly

Today we were treated to a lovely assembly from the children in Reception. They told us a lovely story and sang us some songs – it is amazing how much they can learn and remember at such a young age! It was great to see all the parents and carers who came to watch – thank you.



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## Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Cierniak, Miss Williams, Miss Botting and Mrs Magrath at the end of term and we will be sorry to see them go. Miss Bates will be returning from maternity leave from July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The class teachers from September will be as follows:

Reception – Miss Hier

Year 1 – Miss Foster and Miss Bates

Year 2 – Mrs Allaway and Miss Beavis

Year 3 - Miss Banks

Year 4 – Mr Beggs

Year 5 – Mr Mills

Year 6 – Miss Soar and Miss Keeling

Mrs Paton will now be a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) and will be teaching most classes at some point each week. Miss Mcfarlane will be joining the Learning Mentor team on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Due to the huge cuts in school budgets, we can no longer fund the ECAR and ECC programmes that Miss Foster and Mr Beggs used to run, so they will now become class teachers. We value all the good work they have done and we are disappointed that we can no longer run these programmes, due to Government cuts. Due to the reduced funding being given to schools, we have also had to reduce the amount of Teaching Assistant hours that we have in school, but we do have some posts we are advertising. Therefore, we cannot allocate Teaching Assistants to classes, until we have completed the recruitment process at the end of term.

Pupils will have opportunities to visit their new classes – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, both at 11.30am.

## PTFA Summer Party

Our Summer Party will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 5 – 7pm. Tickets cost £2.50 each and are now available to purchase from the school office. At the party, there will be additional food to purchase including a cold buffet, popcorn, ice cream and sweets. We would like some donations of good quality prizes that could be used in a raffle or tombola – a box of chocolates, a gift voucher, new toiletries etc. We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July and children can either bring in a prize or £1 for us to buy prizes with. We are aware that some Year 6 children will not be in school that day as they are visiting secondary schools – unfortunately, there is not a day that is perfect for everyone! They are still welcome to bring in a donation on another day.

Year 6 will have the VIP area as part of the party but they **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or carer to attend.

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We still need lots more help for the Summer Party – at the moment, we only have about 6 parents who are able to help. This will limit the amount of activities we can provide for the party. Please do leave your name at the office if you are happy to help.

### Building Work

We are hopeful the building work will start again next week and although we don't have a finish date yet, we are hoping that it will be in early 2019. Please remind your children to be safe around the building site when entering and leaving school.

### Breakfast Club

Please can we remind all parents/carers that if you want your child to use Breakfast Club, this needs to be booked at least 24 hours in advance. You can book by calling the school office on 01273 692463, via email at [admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk), or just come along to the office and we can book you a place.

### Unauthorised Absences

If your child is absent from school due to illness, you must contact the school office by 10am on the day of the absence. This is part of our school attendance policy and is for safeguarding reasons – it is extremely important that we know where your child is if they are not in school. If we do not receive a reason for your child's absence on the day of the absence then this will be **unauthorised**. If your child has three unauthorised absences in any six week period you will be referred to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

### **2017-18 Calendar Dates**

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Summer Party (5-7pm)

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Report drop in

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Leaver's Assembly (2.15pm)

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term