

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 1st December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank You

Thank you so much to **Brighton Rubbish Solutions Limited** who have donated a number of items for our school playground project. Miss Keeling and I had a great time at Diplocks Yard, looking at various items for our school. You have probably already seen the 2 sofas but we have more to come out – keep your eyes peeled!

Also thank you to **Charlie and Archie's family**, and **Edie and Matilda's family** for the various donations of decorations and a Christmas tree for the school disco – they really will help make the hall look festive for the disco!

Guitar Performance

We were treated to a fantastic guitar performance from Year 5 as a celebration for the end of their Soundmakers project with Mr Walker from the Brighton and Hove music service. It was so lovely to welcome many parents and families who came to watch – the children love it when you come along!

"I liked it because we had lots of fun." Charlie

"I liked it because it was lots of fun and it's all about practise." Adrian

"I had loads of fun practising and then performing in front of everyone." Hastie

"I was quite nervous when we started playing." Daisy M

"I was nervous but I enjoyed it." Daisy W

If your child is interested in taking up guitar lessons, we do currently have a guitar teacher in school. Please see <https://www.bhma.org.uk/tuition> for more information on how to apply.



Year 3 and 4 Museum Visit

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit and workshop at Brighton Museum to explore all things Egyptian. The children very much enjoyed their visit and came back to school full of excitement about it! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help – it is really appreciated.

"I liked the mummification activity!" Adam

"I liked taking out the organs and the brains and pretending to be a mummy." Davey

"I enjoyed looking at all the Egyptian mummies in the gallery." Charlie

"There were some amazing things but the weird thing was you had to type your name on an IPAD. There were telephones that talked to you about God or Jesus." Shylah

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Children in Need

A BIG thank you to everyone who took part in Children In Need across the school - we had an amazing response to dressing in something spotty! The cake sale was very generously supported too. We raised a whopping £313.36. Thank you to Miss Beavis and Year 4 from Pudsey!

Year 4 pupils work together to plan and run the event. They told me a bit about it:

"We brainstormed ideas." Noah

"We made a Pudsey group." Ben

"We brought cakes in and had a cake sale." Vosilios

Cinema Trips

Most of our children were very lucky to attend a free cinema screening over the past few weeks which I know was an exciting experience for them. Thank you to Miss Banks for organising this exciting and FREE experience for our pupils.

Unfortunately, Reception and Year 1 were unable to see their film, "Rock Dog" because something stopped working at the cinema! They coped brilliantly though and their teachers were able to provide them with another film back at school.

"When we went to the movie it wasn't working so we watched Madagascar when we got back to school." Theo

Year 3 went to see "Sing!"

"There were pigs dancing." Paul

"We had chocolate." Cheseray

"It was SO tasty." Alexandru

"The walk was tiring." Jayda

"The movie was good because there was a snail hanging onto a microphone with a bow tie!" CJ

Year 6 went to see "Beauty and the Beast."

"I liked it when they attacked back to show their rights." Frankie

"The film was nice but the beast was a bit scary!" Melanie

"I thought the film was brilliant but there was too much kissing!" Amiee

"I really liked the film because it was sad and funny. I liked the romance and how the film teaches you not to judge." Sukura

"It was emotional and funny." George

"I learn that you always have your inner self and that can be different than your outer self. If I met someone and I didn't like their appearance or physique, I would get to know them better." Seb

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MADE Brighton

Last Saturday, we provided refreshments for the MADE fair at the church. I am extremely grateful to the staff and governors who gave up some or most of their Saturday and/or donated cakes to benefit the pupils at our school. We are really lucky to have such a dedicated team that care so much for our pupils. We are also very grateful to parents who donated cakes/snacks and those of you who came along to buy some of our amazing crafts, cakes and drinks! A special 'thank you' goes to Kenny and Leah from Year 6 who also gave up much of their Saturday to help.

"It was fun and I enjoyed meeting new people. We made lots of money." Kenny

The raffle was drawn at lunchtime today and the 4 winners have been contacted. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this.

Many of you also supported the sale after school on Monday which was great – thank you! So far, we have raised around £500 which will be spent on the children's learning. What a fabulous achievement!

PTFA Christmas Disco

Our Christmas Disco will be held on Friday 15th December from 3.30pm – 5.15pm. Parents of Reception children **must accompany their child**. 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. **Tickets are now available to purchase from the school office – make sure you let the office staff know if your child wants a vegetarian or meat hot dog!** Children will not need to bring any other money to the disco.

If you can help on the day, or can provide cakes for the children or decorations for the hall then please do let us know.

Christmas concerts

Our infant and junior Christmas concerts will take place in the school hall on the following dates:

Thursday 7th December (2.15pm)

Friday 8th December (9.15am)

Tuesday 12th December (2.15pm)

Wednesday 13th December (9.15am)

Year 3/4/5 Concert

Year 3/4/5 Concert

Year R/1/2 Concert

Year R/1/2 Concert

If you would like to attend one of the performances, please complete the reply slip from the letter given out and return it to the school office. We need to know how many parents/carers are coming and so we can set up the hall accordingly and due to fire regulations, all attendees will need a ticket (including babies!).

Year 6 will be leading the Carol Service that will take place on Monday 18th December at 2.15pm in the church and does not require any tickets. Parents from all year groups are invited to this Carol Service.

Learning for Life within Christian Values

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Kinship Carer Group

Do you care for a child who cannot live with their parents, either part-time or full-time?

We have a flourishing Kinship Carer Group that provides a space to share with each other the realities of being a kinship carer, support each other and ask questions and enjoy activities with the children. Join us at a coffee morning to see if it is something that might be of interest to you.

Date: Tuesday 12th December

Time: 9am – 10.30am

Where: Community Room, St. Bartholomew's School

For more information please contact Miss Evans at school or the Family Support Service on **01273 291 478**.

Missing Items

Quite a few items have gone missing in school recently. Please can I remind you that nothing should be brought into school apart from what is needed for the school day. All phones should be handed into the school office. If your child does need to bring in something valuable, it is very important that they hand it in for safe keeping. Please also make sure that all clothing is named – uniform, PE kit, shoes, coats, hats, gloves etc – this way, they are easier to identify and can be returned to their rightful owner when they go missing.

However, please could you also check that nothing has come home with your child by mistake – we know how easily this can happen! We are missing quite a few PE kits, especially yellow t-shirts as well as other items.

Asthma Pumps

Asthma pumps are now being kept in each classroom in a box. This is so that they are easily accessible when a child needs them. We cannot give children out of date medicine so please make sure your child's inhaler is in date.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 6th December (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 7th December (2.15pm)
Friday 8th December (9.15am)
Tuesday 12th December (2.15pm)
Wednesday 13th December (9.15am)
Wednesday 13th December
Friday 15th December 3.30pm – 5.15pm
Monday 18th December 2.15pm
Wednesday 20th December
Thursday 4th January

Beach Hut Advent Calendar
Year 3/4/5 Concert - Hall
Year 3/4/5 Concert - Hall
Year R/1/2 Concert - Hall
Year R/1/2 Concert - Hall
Christmas Dinner
PTFA Christmas Disco
Carol Service led by Year 6 - Church
Last day of Autumn Term
First day of Spring Term