

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Date: 13/10/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

## School News

### Welcome

Welcome to all our new children both in Reception and across the school – we love having you as part of our school family.

We have also welcomed Ms Tye into the office in the afternoons – we have certainly thrown her into the deep end and she is doing a great job!

### Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join the governing body team, which supports the strategic direction of the school. This is an important and exciting opportunity for someone who can contribute fresh and stimulating ideas, while supporting our school's Christian ethos. You could gain some valuable experiences that will have an impact on your personal and professional life, whilst meeting new people, developing teamwork skills and learning more about how the school works. Above all, you will make a real difference to the development of the children in the school.

Please see the attached letter from Father Ben Eadon and do ask if you have any questions!

Nominations should be submitted to the school office by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Afrori Book Shop Visit and Jubilee Library Visit

Our Bumble Bee Class and Koala Class visited Afrori book shop last week and had a wonderful time looking at all the brilliant books. It's a great bookshop if you would like to take a visit yourself and is in the Brighthelm Centre. Take a look at their website for further information - <https://afroribooks.co.uk/>.

They also visited the Jubilee library and were able to see an author talk about their book. The author was Robert Tregoney and the book was called the Dress in the Window.

Gorgie in Bumble Bee class gave the book two thumbs up and said "We had to do dancing when we were there. We had to get up and do wiggling and had to walk like famous people in high heels. We did Barbie walks!"



Thank you to all of our staff for organising the trips, to our parent volunteers who came to help and the wonderful staff at the bookshop and the library who made us so welcome!

### Fleeces

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, all pupils received a brand new fleece for free! We use part of our Sports Premium Fund to pay for them every year, as pupils and staff really feel it encourages active play at breaktimes, as well as greater participation in our Daily Mile sessions and PE lessons. We hope they keep your child warm throughout the next couple of terms, as the weather turns! If your child is cold at school, just a gentle reminder that the fleece should be the extra layer on top of the grey/yellow cardigan or jumper.

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You can purchase additional fleeces through our school uniform website - <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StBartholomewsCOFPrimarySchoolBrightonBN14GP> although they do look a little different that the ones given out as they are from a different supplier. Both are school uniform!

Thanks to Mr Mills and Mrs Foster for organising!

## PTFA Events



Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising a brilliant film night for us! We watched The Little Mermaid (live action) whilst enjoying our snacks, wonderfully prepared by Hayley and Reija. Our Film Nights are great fun so do please encourage your children to attend.

Thank you also to the PTFA for our lolly sales in the hot weather at the beginning of this term – I know both parents and pupils enjoyed these at the end of a long, hot day! I think even a few teachers enjoyed them!

## Ark Week

At the end of September, we held our Noah's Ark week which was wonderful! The aim of the week is to ensure everybody knows the story of Noah's Ark because of our school logo and that everyone has found out about the animal their class is named after.

During the week, we all learnt the Noah's Ark song and all the children sang it so enthusiastically in our Ark Week celebration assembly - do ask them to share it with you at home! In our assembly, each class shared what they had been learning about and it was brilliant to see children confident to share their learning.



We held a Non-Uniform day to raise money for the WWF thank you so much for all of your contributions.

## Brighton Table Tennis Club

As you may know, Brighton Table Tennis Club are now supporting pupils in school. They offer a drop-in club on Tuesday lunchtimes, a timetabled support session in the afternoons and a club after school. We are really lucky that this is being provided free of charge, apart from a minimal charge for the after-school club. If you want to find out more about the club, please have a look at their website - <https://brightontabletennisclub.com/about-the-club/> - they really are a fantastic charity. Thanks to Mrs Christie-Davies for getting them into our school!

## School Clubs

Our school clubs are now well and truly underway – thank you to everyone who has signed up. If your child is interested in joining, you can still sign up for clubs with places through ParentPay.

It's lovely to walk around after school to see children enjoying activities such as printmaking, table tennis, cooking and dance. Thanks to Ms Tye for managing the clubs in her first fortnight in her new role! Quite an achievement!

## McMillan Coffee Morning

A HUGE thank you goes to Mrs Barnett for organising another brilliant McMillan Coffee Morning and for everyone (parents, staff, governors, friends) for supporting it. We know that many of our community have experienced the negative affects of cancer and it's a charity that is important for us to support.

We raised well over £100 for this amazing charity!

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## Mr Naeem

We are delighted to let you know that Mr Naeem and his wife welcomed a second son into their family at the beginning of October. He was 6lb and they are all doing well – I am sure you will all share with us in wishing them many congratulations!

Mr Naeem will be taking his paternity leave soon but we hope to have a consistent supply teacher in class at that time.

## Drama Workshops



We had some brilliant Drama Workshops for our children in Reception, year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 provided free of charge by Drama4All. The children all engaged confidently and positively and a great time was had by all!

Drama is an important subject which, amongst other things, supports children to develop excellent speaking and listening skills as well as self-confidence. Thanks to Mr Naeem for organising this!



## Church School

### School Mass Autumn Term

Our School Mass for Autumn Term will be as follows:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – this will be our Harvest Festival so please bring tins, packets etc to donate to City Mission food bank and to our own food bank.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (2pm) – our Christmas Carol service.

Do get the dates in your diary now so you can come along and join us! Children in year 2 and above join us for Mass in the church.

## Reminders and Notices

### Concerns

We hope that our children and families have positive experiences at our school. However, we know that things can sometimes go wrong and we would always like to help resolve any issues. Please don't keep children at home if you have concerns – we need to work together to solve any issues that have occurred.

In the first instance, if you have a concern, please speak to the class teacher about this. You can speak to them informally after school or make an appointment through the school office. We find that this resolves most issues.

However, if you feel the issue continues or is unresolved, please book an appointment to see a member of SLT – Miss Banks, Mrs Christie-Davies or myself. We will investigate the issue with you and make sure there is a resolution to any issues.

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If you are still not satisfied that the issue has been resolved, you may make a formal complaint, following the guidance that is here [https://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/complaints\\_policy/271749](https://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/complaints_policy/271749) on our website. You can also collect a printed complaint form from the school office.

### Attendance

Attendance is REALLY important for all pupils and it is proven that good attendance has a direct link to pupils achieving well at school. Children should only miss school for illness if they are too ill to come to school – having a tummy ache or sore throat for example, are not reasons for children to stay at home. If you are unsure at all, please have a look here for advice - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

### School Uniform

We like all children to wear school uniform in school and we do reward those in the correct uniform! Just a reminder that the uniform is as follows:

- White polo shirt
- Grey or yellow jumper (with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt or dress – currently these can be ANY style, including joggers.
- Plain black shoes or trainers
- Black PE shorts, leggings or joggers – to be worn on PE day
- PE T-shirt in the team colour – to be worn on PE day
- School fleece – to be worn as an additional layer on cold days!

It's important that as we move into the colder months that children bring a coat in every day. Please make sure ALL uniform is named and we advise that children do not wear "expensive, branded or designer" uniform/coats/shoes to school as things do occasionally get lost or accidentally damaged.

We have a large supply of pre-loved uniform in the school office, including a few coats. Please do pop in and help yourself. You can make a small donation if you would like but this is not essential!

Kind Regards

Katie Blood  
Headteacher

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### Calendar Dates

*Please note that these dates are subject to change*

October	November
17th Open Session for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 19th Harvest Celebration (9.10) 20th Non-Uniform Day (School Fund) 20th Last day of term 30th Pupils return	13th – 17th Anti Bullying Week 15th Open Session for potential reception parents (11.00-12.00) 15th Potential Reception Parents Presentation (6.00) 17th Children in Need (TBC) 17th Film Night 22nd Non-Uniform Day – Christmas Fair Donations 30th Open Session for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15)
December	January
6th Bumble Bee and Koala Christmas Performance (2.10) 8th Christmas Fair (3.00 – 5.00) 12th Red Panda and Pangolin Performance (2.10) 13th Big Band Performance (9.10) 13th Christmas Dinner 14th Carol Service at Church led by Jaguar Class (2.00) 15th Non-Uniform Day – School Fund 15th Last day of term	2nd Pupils return 9th Open Session for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 26th Film Night
February	March
9th Non Uniform Day – Food Bank Donations 9th Last day of term 19th INSET DAY 20th Pupils return 27th Year 5/6 Parents Meeting PGL (2.15)	W/B 4th Book Week 7th Book Sale (PTFA) 11th/12th/13th Year 5/6 Residential 15th Film Night W/B 18th Let's Dance 18th Parent Forum (2.00) 21st Easter Parade 22nd Pangolin Class Assembly 25th Parent Consultations (3.30 – 5.30) 27th Big Band Performance (9.10) 27th Parent Consultation (3.30 – 7.00) 28th Non Uniform Day – Connor Saunders Foundation 28th Last day of Term
April	May
15th Pupils Return 26th Film Night	7th Year 4/5 Parents meeting for Y5/6 Residential (2.30) 13th Parent Forum (2.00) 26th Non School Uniform – School Fund 26th Last day term

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June	July
3rd Pupils return 21st Koala Class Assembly 27th Sports Day	5th Summer Fair 5th Red Panda Class Assembly (9.10) 10th Bumble Bee Class Assembly (2pm) 12th Year 6 Leaver's Event (1.45 – 3.00) 17th Non Uniform Day – charity TBC 17th Big Band Performance (9.10) 18th Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm)