

St. Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted

As you will be aware, we had our Ofsted inspection last week. When Ofsted have compiled their report we will of course send out a copy to each family. Thank you to all of those parents who spoke so positively to the Inspectors and those that completed the parent survey on ParentView. This is available at any time, so please feel free to share your views and opinions via www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. The Inspectors did comment on how polite, respectful and well-mannered the children were.

Amber Assembly

Last Wednesday, we had a very special morning at our school. To inspire our pupils on the theme of going for goals / persevering to reach our dreams, we had a special guest, Amber Anning, lead a whole school assembly. Amber then took each junior class for an athletics workshop.

Amber is a Hove resident and has represented Team GB at both junior and senior level, with immense success. She specialises in 200m and 400m sprinting. When she competes at her age range domestically or internationally, she achieves gold. Now, despite being only 17, she has begun to compete at senior level and she is still winning medals – a rare achievement at such a young age. Amber is certainly a star for the future.

"Amber taught us that even if we're the slowest, we can still try our best and never give up" – Charlie, Year 5

"The races we did with her were really good fun" – Vasilios, Year 5

"Amber taught us to never give up on our ambitions" – Freddy, Year 5



Calendar Dates

Our term dates for 2018-19 are available on our website under the 'About Us' section. We have also compiled a list of important dates for this academic year which are at the end of this Newsletter. Please make a note of these dates and be aware that they are subject to change – if any changes are made you will be notified.



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Behaviour Management

We use a number of strategies to encourage and support good behaviour at St Bartholomew's School. The main strategies we use are:

Golden Rules

Staff encourage all pupils to follow the Golden Rules, using positive language and reinforcement where possible. Pupils are praised for keeping the rules. The Golden Rules are displayed in classrooms, playgrounds and around school.

Golden Time

Each child has the opportunity to have 30 minutes of Golden Time each week. If they keep all of the Golden Rules, they will get 30 minutes of activity time. Each child signs up for this on a Monday, so that they can look forward to it during the week – this is recorded on a chart in the classroom. Teachers have a rota system to ensure that children take it in turns to choose first. If a child breaks a rule, they are given a warning after which they will hopefully stop breaking the rule and be praised for stopping. If they do not stop, they will lose 3 minutes Golden Time. This is recorded on the chart in the classroom. If a child misses 15 minutes of Golden Time, they must see the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher at lunchtime or playtime. The teacher will also inform the parent/carer of this loss. During Golden Time, those children who are missing some of their Golden Time stay with the class teacher to miss their minutes. They do not talk or communicate in this time. If they break Golden Rules during Golden Time, they may lose more Golden Time. Once they have missed their Golden Time, they are free to join the activity that they chose.

Pupil Points

Pupils are awarded Pupil Points for good work and good behaviour – keeping the Golden Rules. These can be given out by all members of staff to any pupil. They can be given out 1, 2 or 3 at a time. When pupils receive 100 points, they are given a certificate and badge in assembly.

Class Points

Staff award Class Points to whole classes or groups for keeping the Golden Rules. These are recorded as counters in a jar. When the jar is full, the class have a reward that they have previously chosen as a group.

We also use additional strategies for pupils who may need additional support to keep the Golden Rules.

Golden Time

If anyone has any of the following they would like to donate for use in Golden Time, we would be very grateful:

- Felt tip
- Board games
- Puzzles

Please bring your donations to the office - thank you.



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Church Volunteers

As you know, we attend School Mass every Thursday at the church. We would benefit from having some parent volunteers to walk with us to the church, stay for the service and walk back up to school with us. We know it is a VERY short distance, but as we are visiting a public place, we would like to have more adults to make sure everyone is safe. It is also lovely when any parents join the service and Father Martin always makes sure they are included as part of our school family. Please let the school office know if you are happy to be one of our School Mass Volunteers and how often you can support and I will be in touch very soon. Thank you.

Soft Start

As you know, we are having a soft start now at the beginning of the day. The school gates open at 8.45am and the school day starts at 8.55am. Once children have arrived in the school grounds, they go straight to class. A member of SLT will be available on the playground if you have any queries. This has been working really well – pupils, staff and parents have made it work well. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

Attendance Awards

We believe that good school attendance should be rewarded and celebrated. Children at St Bartholomew's who maintain good school attendance can earn the following attendance awards:

- **100%** attendance for the whole year. Children who achieve an excellent 100% attendance for the whole year will earn a special prize and certificate.
- **98%+ attendance for the whole year.** Children who achieve **98%** attendance or above for the whole year will earn a prize and certificate.
- **100**% **attendance for a half term.** Children who achieve 100% for a half term will earn an exciting attendance awards (such as a trip out or pizza delivery to school!)
- Each week, the classes with 96% attendance or above will receive 10 class points.

Unfortunately, our school attendance is still **well below** the national average and we are trying hard to improve this. Please be aware that if your child's punctuality or attendance is a cause for concern, you will be invited to meet with me to discuss the ways in which we can support you and your child to improve their school attendance.

It is unlikely ANY holidays will be authorised. However, if you arrange a meeting with me BEFORE you make any booking, there may be circumstances in which it can be authorised. Absolutely NO holidays can be authorised after the event, and it is **very likely** that you will be referred for a Fixed Penalty Notice.



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Triple P Workshops

There are a number of **FREE** Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Workshops happening across the city over the next few months designed for parents/carers with children under the age of 8. Please see below for a list of the workshops as well as details on how to book a place.

| Date | Subject | Location & Time | How to book a place |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 26/09/18 | Managing fighting | Hangleton Park Children's Centre, | Call Tina on 01273 296356 or |
| | and aggression | 12.30 – 2.30 | Natalie on 01273 296700 |
| 06/10/18 | Dealing with | Tarner Children's Centre, | Call Tina on 01273 296356 or |
| | Disobedience | 10.00 – 12.15 | Natalie on 01273 296700 |
| 17/10/18 | Dealing with | Hollingdean Children's Centre | Call Tina on 01273 296356 or |
| | Disobedience | 12.15 – 2.30 | Natalie on 01273 296700 |
| 20/10/18 | Bedtime Routines | Moulsecoomb Court Children's | Call Vicky on 01273 294040 or |
| | and Sleep Habits | Centre | Natalie on 01273 296700 |
| | | 10.00 – 12.15 | |
| 09/11/18 | Dealing with | Roundabout Children's Centre | Call Tina on 01273 296356 or |
| | Disobedience | 10.00 – 12.15 | Natalie on 01273 296700 |
| 16/11/18 | Hassle-free Shopping | Conway Court Children's Centre | Call Vicky on 01273 294040 or |
| | Out and About | 10.00 – 12.15 | Tina on 01273 296356 |
| 30/11/18 | Bedtime Routines | Roundabout Children's Centre | Call Tina on 01273 296356 or |
| | and Sleep Habits | 10.00 – 12.15 | Natalie on 01273 296700 |
| 01/12/18 | Managing Fighting | Tarner Children's Centre | Call Tina on 01273 296356 or |
| | and Aggression | 10.00 – 12.15 | Natalie on 01273 296700 |
| 06/12/18 | Bedtime Routines | North Portslade Children's Centre | Call Tina on 01273 296356 or |
| | and Sleep Habits | 10.00 – 12.15 | Natalie on 01273 296700 |

Kind Regards

Katie Blood Headteacher

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Dates for Parents/Carers - 2018-19 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

These dates are set for the year and, where possible, they will not change. However, occasionally we do have to change dates due to unforeseen circumstances but will update you as soon as we know.

| October | November | December | January |
|---|--|---|--|
| 3rd – EAL Coffee Morning (TBC) 10th – PTFA Meeting (2.30) 16th – SEN Parent Coffee Morning 17th - Open morning for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 18th – Harvest Celebration in Church 18th – SIP Meeting for Parents (6.00) 19th – Last day of half term | 5th – Pupils return 7th – PTFA Meeting (2.30) 8th - Open morning for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 12th – Attendance Awards (11.00 – 12.00) 14th – Parent Consultations (3.45 – 6.35) 15th – Parent Consultation (3.45-6.45) 27th - Open morning for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 29th – SATS Meeting for Year 2 Parents (2.30 – 3.10pm) 29th – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents (6-7pm) | 3rd – Brighton Centre Concert 5th - Open morning for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 6th – Year 3/4/5 Christmas Show (2.15) 11th - SEN Parent Coffee Morning 13th – Infant Nativity (2.15) 18th – Carol Service at Church led by year 6 – (2.00) 19th – Last day of term | 3rd – Pupils return 10th – Attendance Awards (11.00 – 12.00) 16th – PTFA Meeting (2.30) 17th - Open morning for potential reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 18th – Year 5 Class Assembly 29th – SEN Parent Coffee Morning |
| February | March | April | May |
| 2 nd – Year 4 Class Assembly 15 th – Last day of half term 25 th – INSET DAY 26 th – Pupils return | 5th – Attendance Awards 6th – Parent Consultations (3.45 – 6.35) 7th – Parent Consultation (3.45-6.45) W/B I I th – Let's Dance (TBC) I4th – SATS Meeting for Year 2 Parents (2.30pm) I4th – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents (6-7pm) I5th – PTFA Meeting (2.30pm) I5th – Year 2 Class Assembly I9th – SEN Parent Coffee Morning 29th – INSET DAY | 2 nd — Year 5 Parents Meeting Residential (2.30) 8 th — Easter Parade and Mass (AM) 9 th — Last day of Term 23 rd — INSET DAY 24 th Pupils Return 29 th — 3-day Year 5 Residential | Ist – PTFA Meeting (2.30) 2nd – Attendance Awards 10th – Year 3 Class Assembly W/B 13th – Year 6 tests 17th – Year 1 Class Assembly 21st – SEN Parent Coffee Morning 21st – Year 4 Parents meeting for Y5 Residential (3pm) 24th – Last day of half term |
| June | July | | |
| 3rd – Pupils return 11th – Attendance Awards 5th – PTFA Meeting (2.30) W/B 10th – Year 6 Activities Week W/B 10th – Phonics Screening 26th – Sports Day (2.15pm) 27th – Reserve Sports Day (2.15pm) 21st – Reception Class Assembly | 8th – Year 6 Summer Concert (2.15pm) 9th – SEN Parent Coffee Morning 10th – Reports out 12th – Summer Party (TBC) 19th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (TBC) 16th – Report drop in 25th – Leaver's Assembly (2.15pm) 26th – Last day of term | | |