

St. Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School

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Date: Monday 18th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable summer and that your children are enjoying being back at school. We understand that coming back to school after the summer holidays can be difficult for both parents/carers and children, and if you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher about this.

Most children have been brilliant at keeping the Golden Rules since we have been back and they are ready to learn and make progress. We will let you know if your child misses more than 15 minutes of Golden Time in a week. We are really proud of the way they are behaving and how happy and motivated they are.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please remember the importance of ensuring that your child arrives to school on time every day. Thank you to all those families who manage to get to school on time – it really does make a difference. Even if you are only a few minutes late, this is disruptive to your child's learning and should be avoided. We do understand that it happens to us all occasionally, but there are a handful of children who are late at least once a week – this is not ok.

North Street will be closed for eight weeks from today. Please ensure that if you usually get the bus via North Street in the mornings, you leave earlier or travel via a different route wherever possible. Please be aware that if you arrive later than the close of registers (9.30am) then this will be marked as an 'Unauthorised absence'.

At the end of the school day, the gates will be opened at 3.15pm to enable KSI and Reception children to be collected at 3.20pm and KS2 children to be collected at 3.30pm. When you arrive in the school grounds, please wait in the playground until the classroom door is opened.

Please also be aware that any holidays taken during term time will **not** be authorised and Fixed Penalty Notices are likely to be issued for any unauthorised absence from September 2017.

We are very lucky that local business Al Campo, have agreed to support us with attendance. The class with the best attendance each term will win a visit to the cafe for a drink and snack. Thank you to Al Campo for providing this for us and good luck to all the classes!

Data Collection Sheets

In the next week, we will be sending home a data collection sheet – this contains the details you have submitted to us, including emergency contacts. Please make any changes needed and return it to us as soon as possible. It is really important that we have up to date contact details for you and all your emergency contacts.



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Open Sessions for Prospective Parents

We have 5 open sessions for parents who are applying for Reception school places for September 2018. Please do come along if this is you or let friends, family or neighbours know about these. If you feel that you can put a poster up in your window, neighbourhood noticeboard, community space, shop or business, please collect one from Miss Charlton in the office – we would be very grateful. The dates are:

Wednesday 20th September, 2-3pm Tuesday 10th October, 2-3pm Tuesday 7th November, 9.15-10.15am Thursday 30th November, 9.15-10.15am Friday 12th January 2018, 9.15-10.15am

Staffing

We are sorry that we have had to say goodbye to Mrs Heath who has been one of our Midday Supervisory Assistants. I know the children will miss her and we extend our thanks for all that she has done.

We do now have 2 Midday Supervisory Assistant jobs available – these will be advertised on Friday on the Birghton and Hove website - please go to https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/jobs/council-jobs/schools-vacancies to find out more and download an application form. Alternatively, you can collect the information from Miss Charlton in the office, from next Monday.

Family Support Service

The Partnership Family Support Service is available to all of our families. Family Support Workers are able to provide support and advice around a wide range of family issues. They are able to meet with you and offer tailor-made support to suit your needs. Please visit the website https://www.bcpfe.org.uk/family-support-services/ for further information or contact the team on family-support@middlestreet.brighton-hove.sch.uk

A Happy Start to the School Day workshop

We are really pleased to invite all Reception Parents to our "Happy Start to the School Day" workshop taking place on Wednesday 27th September from 9.15 – I Iam. Please sign up on your classroom door if you can attend.

Come along, have a cup of tea, meet with other reception parents and your Family Support Worker. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about the school day and pick up some tips to make your new morning routine happier and smoother!



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Beach Hut

We have the exciting possibility of being involved in the Beach Hut Advent Calendar that runs in December along the seafront. If you know anyone who has a beach hut and would be happy for the school to use it for this purpose, please do put them in touch with us. If you want to discover more, go to http://beyondchurch.blogspot.co.uk/2016/12/ for more information about the project.

Newsletter

The newsletter will be sent home fortnightly, usually on a Friday. It will also be available on the website.

Secondary School Admissions

Parents/Carers of children in year 6 will need to submit an application by the end of October. You recently received information about this – please ask at the office if you need further support. Make sure you visit more than one setting if you can as it is good to have a comparison.

Secondary School	Open mornings/evenings
Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA)	Tuesday 10 th October, 6-8pm
Blatchington Mill	Thursday 5 th October, 6-9pm
	Monday 9 October, 9-10.30am
	Tuesday 10 October, 9-10.30am
Cardinal Newman	Tuesday 3 rd October, 4-7.30pm
Dorothy Stringer	Thursday 12 th October, 6pm
Hove Park	Thursday 12 th October, 5.30-9pm
King's School	Thursday 28 th September, 5-8pm
Longhill	Thursday 28 th September, 6-8pm
Portslade Aldridge Community Academy (PACA)	Thursday 21 st September 5-8pm
	Tuesday 3 October, 9-11am
	Tuesday 10 October, 9-1 Iam
Patcham High	Thursday 5 th October, 5.45-8.30pm
	Tuesday 10 th October, 8.45-10.30am
	Wednesday 11 th October, 8.45-10.30am
Varndean	Thursday 21 st September, 5.30-8.30pm



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Animation Workshops

Press Play Films and the Brighton Digital Festival have some exciting animation opportunities for families and children to get involved in producing their own animations this and next month. Join them at the Jubilee Library on Saturday Sept 30th where they will be producing a stop-motion pixilation animation using real people and lots of imagination. The theme is 'amazing things to do at the seaside'. Tickets are £8 (plus booking fee) per participant and all the family can be involved (ages 5+).

The following weekend (7/8 October) they will be running 2 days of animation workshops at Spire Arts, Eastern Rd in Brighton. There will be lots of drawing, Lego animation and stop motion photography and by the end of each day children will have produced their own animation to take home (ages 7+).

For more information about these opportunities, or to book a space, please contact Lara Leslie pressplayfilms80@gmail.com or 07977 593 857. For photos and reviews of previous workshops please visit: facebook.com/pressplayfilms.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood Headteacher

Calendar Dates

20th September, 2-3pm

Reception Open Afternoon for prospective parents

27th September, 9.15-11am

Happy Start to the School Day workshop

13 - 27th October

Half Term