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Date: 03/12/21

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **School News**

#### **Attendance Rewards**

We were very thrilled to be able to reward over 50 children for 100% attendance in the first half of the Autumn Term. This was a good number, especially given all the colds and covid that have been around but we are hoping for even better this half term!

Some children took a trip to the King and Queen, some to Alcampo Lounge and other children received a prize. Thank you to Alcampo and the King and Queen for their generous support so we can reward your children for good attendance. We have also just been donated some wonderful toys from Dobbies Garden Centre which we can use for Attendance Prizes next time – thank you, Dobbies!









#### Children in Need and Bring and Buy Sale

Thank you so much to all the pupils, parents and staff who supported Children in Need and the Bring and Buy sale. The children enjoyed both events and money was made for the school and for Children in Need. We raised £164.73 for Children in Need and over £80 from the Bring and Buy Sale! A super effort all round – well done everyone!



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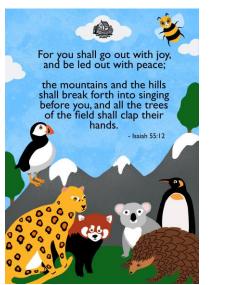
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Nick is going to be offering two days a week to the parish which will include Sunday mornings so we look forward to getting to know him and discovering all that he has to offer the parish. Please keep Father Nick in your prayers as he begins to minister among us.

#### **Director of Music**

I'm delighted to have announced that Hamish Dustagheer has been appointed to the role of Director of Music at St Bart's. Hamish takes up the post fully in April 2022 but from mid-December he will be supporting weekends. We very much look forward to welcoming him.

Please see the information at the end of this Newsletter about the services at the church over Christmas.



#### **Reminders and Notices**

#### **Christmas Performances**

We are still planning to go ahead with our Christmas Performances over the next fortnight. However, the decision could be made to cancel them at any time due to:

- Rising Covid cases in school
- New guidance issued from the DfE or the Local Authority

To protect the health of performers, staff and audience, we are limiting the amount of audience members for each child this year to **2 people per child**. We do ask that all parents do follow this rule to keep themselves and others safe.

As a reminder, the performances are planned as follows:

#### Thursday 9th December 2.15pm

Red Panda and Pangolin Performance - please enter via the green hall door, opposite Sainsbury's. The doors will open no more than 10 minutes before the performance starts.

#### Friday 10th December 2.30pm

Bumblebee Christmas Singalong – please enter via the front office.



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#### Tuesday 14th December 2.00pm

Koala and Penguin Performances – please enter via the green hall door opposite Sainsbury's. The doors will open no more than 10 minutes before the performance starts.

#### Thursday 16th December 2.10pm

Carol Service in the Church. This is led by Jaguar Class but all children from Koala Class, Red Panda Class, Pangolin Class and Jaguar Class will attend. Parents from ALL classes are invited to join us in the church.

#### Clubs and Opportunities Outside of School

There are some great clubs in the local area for primary age children that your child might be interested in. These tend to be more affordable and offer a variety of activities. Most of these clubs are now up and running as normal!

- For girls age 5+ Rainbows, Brownies and Guides <a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/</a> or speak to Ms Blood or Mrs Pacey
- For girls age 4+ Girls' Brigade <a href="http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-32/">http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-32/</a> or see Mrs Barnett
- For boys and girls age 6+ Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts http://scouts.org.uk/home/
- For boys and girls age 10+ Sea Cadets <a href="https://www.sea-cadets.org/join-us">https://www.sea-cadets.org/join-us</a>
- For boys age 5+ Boys' Brigade <a href="https://boys-brigade.org.uk/">https://boys-brigade.org.uk/</a>
- For everyone, birth to adult Woodcraft Folk https://woodcraft.org.uk/

If you know of any similar clubs that would welcome children, please let us know.

#### **Fun and Friends Group**

Our Fun and Friends group runs every Wednesday morning for preschool children and their parents. It's an opportunity for the children and the adults to make friends and have fun! This is run by Mrs Barnett and they meet in the community room. Please enter through the front office from 8.45am.

#### **Reception Intake 2022**

We have been busy showing round parents who would like their children to start here in September 2022. We have one last show round left so if you know anyone who is interested, please tell them to book onto the last visit on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. They just need to call or email the school office.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood Headteacher

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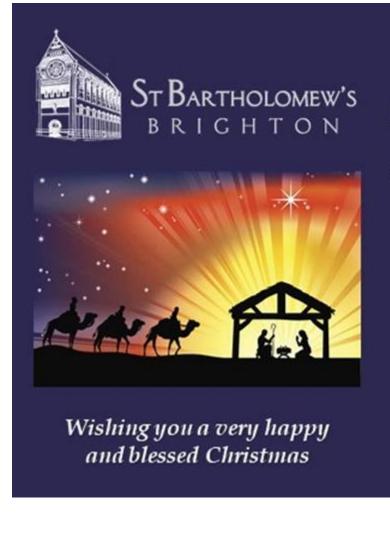
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Calendar Dates  Please note that these dates are subject to change	
January	
4th INSET DAY	
5th Pupils return	
10th Open Session for potential Reception parents	
(11.00-12.00)	
24th Parent Forum (2.00)	
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### Christmas at St Bartholomew's

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4pm Family Crib Service 11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am Solemn Mass

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