

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Covid Absence

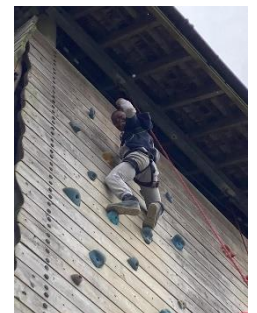
We have suffered again this term with a lot of staff absence, so apologies again if communication hasn't been as good as it could be. Things do seem a little better now and as the guidance changes, hopefully things will improve further!

If you have any concerns, you still must get in touch. In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher. Hopefully they will be able to resolve any problems but if not, they will be able to direct you to the best person to talk to.

Please also do make sure to regularly check your SchoolPing account. Currently, only 55% of messages sent on SchoolPing are being read. As this is how we communicate with parents/carers, it is really important that you try to keep up to date with your SchoolPing messages.

PGL

PGL this year was super successful. Never have we taken such a well organised, brave and adventurous group of children. All of our pupils showed great teamwork and amazing support of one another throughout the trip. The activities were challenging and really stretched us all. As the week progressed, all the staff could see how much our wonderful pupils were developing their independence, friendships and willingness to step outside of their comfort zones. Mr Mills, Miss Waughman and Mrs Samuels felt privileged to attend with them!



Thank you so much to Mr Mills, Miss Waughman and Mrs Samuels for making this trip possible for our Pangolin Class. Please make sure you thank them for taking part in this – although its part of their job, they don't get anything extra for going. They do love it but it can be hard work!

"The cabins are really nice with bathrooms and bunk beds." Kayla

"The giant swing was really fun because you could go as high as you liked. It took your breath away! The shop was good too – I bought sweets and a key chain" Ava

"I learnt that I am more ambitious when it's a competition" Olivia

'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

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Let's Dance

On Friday 18th March, our amazing dance club performed at Let's Dance at the Dome. Mrs Allaway and Mrs Christie-Davies were really proud of the children and their wonderful performance on the night – well done to all of the children who performed so well! Thank you to Sam our dance teacher and Mrs Allaway for all of their hard work over the last few months.



"It was basically amazing and I felt amazing. It made me find something about myself that I hadn't felt before." Ronni

Two of our Year 6 pupils who went to watch said:

"I enjoyed it because there were many schools who all had different themes to their dances and lots of songs. It was really enjoyable to watch. The St Bart's dance was great because everyone looked like they were enjoying themselves." Aisa

"I really liked that in the St Bart's dance, everyone was wearing individual bright colours." Edie

Dance club will hopefully continue in the summer term – look out for details soon!

Albion in the Community

We are lucky enough to have Albion in the Community in School each week working with a range of pupils on sports and academic activities.

Over the last two weeks we have been lucky enough to have some additional workshops provided for Jaguar Class. This week, the children took part in a Disability Awareness Workshop and were so mature and sensible in their approach. We received some lovely feedback from one of team - *"It went really well today. The class we had were really engaged. It is such a lovely school and had such a calm feeling to it."*



Last week, Jaguar Class had a day of coding with the AITC team and were interested and engaged all day. They developed their coding skills throughout the day and it was a brilliant opportunity for them.

"It was good that we were able to try out being in the position of someone with a disability." Edie

"It was nice to learn about disabilities we may not have already known about." Olivia

"It was really fun and exciting to learn about the coding." Nadia

"I liked the coding workshop because it will help me if I want a career in technology." Asia

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Dance Sessions

At the beginning of March all children were able to participate in 2 dance sessions funded through out Sports Funding. This was a great opportunity for children to try out something they may not have tried before.

Keep an eye out for details about Dance Club if your child would like to continue with this!



Red Nose Day



Thank you to all of your donations for Red Nose Day. We managed to raise £105! Thanks to Miss Beavis for organising this for such a great cause.

Sunflowers for Ukraine

We are really proud of Ronni and Miya-Mae who worked with their mum to make sunflower kits to sell to support the people of Ukraine. They raised nearly £300 which will go a long way to help. Well done girls!

"We wanted to do it because it feels good to do something for someone else." Ronni

"It was hard work but I would rather help and raising money is a good way to help the people of Ukraine." Miya-Mae



Church School

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Sunday 10 April
10.30am Solemn Mass

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week
6pm Low Mass

'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

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Maundy Thursday: Thursday 14 April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the Watch

Good Friday: Friday 15 April

3pm The Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday: Saturday 16 April

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

10.30am Solemn High Mass

Reminders and Notices

Easter Parade

We will have our Easter Parade on Thursday 7th April. We would LOVE parents to join us. We will be parading from the hall and around to the church for Mass, making as much celebratory noise as possible! Please be ready to wave and cheer with us from 9.15 and join us in church. This is for year 2,3,4,5,6.

Apologies for the late confirmation of this - we weren't sure it could go ahead due to the high covid cases we had.

Birthdays

Parents are often very kind around their children's birthdays and supply treats for the rest of the class. Whilst this is a lovely gesture, we ask that parents don't do this as it can be tricky with allergies, dietary requirements and parental preferences. Instead, we wanted to remind parents that children are allowed to wear non uniform on (or near) their birthdays!

Collection at the end of the day

Occasionally, parents may be late for pick up. If you know you are going to be more than 5 minutes late, please call the school office to let them know. We don't expect children to be picked up late regularly though. Please remember that the Infants finish at 3pm and the Juniors and 3.10pm.

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 - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> or speak to Ms Blood or Mrs Pacey
- For girls age 4+ - Girls' Brigade http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-_32/ 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 - <https://www.sea-cadets.org/join-us>
- For boys age 5+ - Boys' Brigade <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/>
- For everyone, birth to adult – Woodcraft Folk - <https://woodcraft.org.uk/>

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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.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood.

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Headteacher