

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School News

### Pedestrian Training

Children in Penguin Class took part in pedestrian training this week. This an important activity to support the work you do as parents to ensure your child is safe to cross the road independently when they are old enough.

*"I liked it when we crossed the road because it was exciting." Ava*

*"It was fun trying to see the lights that were indicating the ways the cars were going to go. The rules are Stop, Look, Listen." Mo*

*"There are 5 Road Safety Rules – Stop, Think, Look, Listen and then Cross." Arman*

*"I liked using the lorries to help me cross on a busy road of parked cars. I feel more confident now." Ruby*

### Staffing

Mrs Tolliday has decided to retire after 34 years being at St Bartholomew's CE Primary School and left us today. We wish her all the very best and sent her on her way with some lovely, well deserved gifts. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We welcome 2 new student teachers to our staff this term – Miss Kearney in Bumblebee Class and Miss Cross in Red Panda Class.

### Yoga

Children in Jaguar Class and Pangolin Class have been enjoying yoga with Durgha from Mindful Warriors. This is great activity for the children to partake in as it exercises their bodies and helps calms their minds. We are incredibly lucky to have this provision in school.

*"You just get to sit down, watch the pose and then have fun doing them." Thomas, Pangolins*

*"It's so calming and fun." Megan, Pangolins*

*"I just love how peaceful and not underwhelming it is just to relax and be calm." Aisa, Pangolins*

*"Yoga is good for your mind and your zen." Liuka, Jaguars*

*"Yoga makes me feel happy and relaxed." Aimee-Leigh, Jaguars*

*"Yoga is very calming and it helped me relax." Zinden, Jaguars*



Mindful Warriors



These wonderful illustrations from the  
Mindful Warriors website!  
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## Walk to School Week

Next month is 'Walk to School Week'. Pupils across Brighton and Hove are encouraged to come to school in an 'active way' from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Despite the name of the week, pupils are not restricted to just walking to school. If pupils prefer, and have permission from home, they can also scoot, skate or cycle to school (as long as they wear a helmet).

The first aim of the week is simply to encourage pupils to be even more active and to make even healthier lifestyle choices, on their journeys to and from school. The second aim of the week is to promote methods of travel that make the air we breathe even cleaner.

Pupils who live a distance from school can still participate by getting off the bus a stop earlier or by parking the car a short distance from school and walking the final stretch.

All pupils who come to school in an active way for **all 5 of the days** will be entered into a **special draw** to win some great prizes!

We hope that your child will be able to participate in this event and we wish them the best of luck in the prize draw!



## Church School

### Bible Verse

*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Matthew 7:1-2*

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

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## Reminders and Notices

### Coronavirus Update

Like most schools, we have had a number of pupils and staff who have had periods of time self-isolating whilst they wait for Coronavirus test results. If anyone receives a positive test results, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact the DfE helpline and then act accordingly on advice. We will always inform parents of any positive cases.

### Food Bank

Our food bank is still up and running – please do ask a member of staff if you need some food provided for your family. We have plenty to share and we understand that it can be very difficult for families at this time.

### Attendance

Our Attendance Officer was in school this week and closely analysed the absence so far this term. Over **100 learning days** have been **lost** this term so far across the school – this DOES NOT include any absence that are due to Coronavirus. This not acceptable.

Children CAN come into school if they have a sore throat, headache, blocked/runny nose, tummy ache or a cold. They also need to be in school if it's their birthday. We understand that it can be difficult to get children to school when parents are unwell but this is not an authorised reason for absence either. If children are unwell during the day, we will contact parents to let them know.

We had a number of parents reporting that their children have flu when they may have had a cold and could have been in school. See <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/> to clearly understand the difference between the two.

If your child is unwell with sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot come into school. They can return to school, 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

If your child cannot come into school, please telephone the school office from 8.30am. Please be clear what the reason for absence is – if they are unwell, please specify the illness.

If your child needs a medical appointment, where possible, these should be done outside school time. If this is not possible, please provide the school with a copy of the appointment letter. Children should, wherever possible, come to school before and after their appointments.

Please have a look at the Miss School Miss Out website for more information about the difference good attendance makes to your child's learning - <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/miss-school-miss-out>



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## Asthma Card

If your child has asthma, they must have an in-date asthma pump in school and you must complete an Asthma Card – this will be sent via SchoolPing and is now available to download from the school website. If you are unable to print this yourself, please call the school office who will send a printed one home with your child. It is a requirement that you complete one of these.

## School Uniform

We have a range of second hand or pre-loved uniform available in the school office. Where possible, we ask for a donation towards the uniform to go towards the school fund.



## Local Opportunities

### Brighton and Hove Family Learning

Family Learning Brighton & Hove are running a range of online courses, starting on Monday 5th October. These courses will be delivered live, online by one of their experienced tutors, for small groups of parents or carers. We have sent out the list of available courses via SchoolPing – please do take a look. To book your place, or for further information, please email [Family.Learning@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:Family.Learning@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Kind Regards

*Katie Blood*

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### Calendar Dates

**Please note that these dates are subject to change dependent on coronavirus guidance**

<b>October</b> 1-31 <sup>st</sup> Black History Month 14 <sup>th</sup> – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15am) 15 <sup>th</sup> – Harvest Celebration 19 <sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation Evening KS1 (3.50 – 5.30pm) 20 <sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation Evening KS2 (3.50 – 5.30pm) 21 <sup>st</sup> – Parent Consultation Evening KS1 (3.30 – 7pm) 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Parent Consultation Evening KS2 (3.30 – 7pm) 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Non Uniform Day – Orang-utan Project 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Last day of half term	<b>November</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Pupils return 13 <sup>th</sup> – Children in Need W/B 16 <sup>th</sup> – Anti Bullying Week 18 <sup>th</sup> – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15am) 28 <sup>th</sup> – Made Fair (11 – 5pm)
<b>December</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Prospective Parents Presentation (6.30pm) 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 17 <sup>th</sup> – Carol Service at Church led by Year 6 (2pm) 18 <sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform Day – School Fund 18 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of term	<b>January</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> – INSET day 5 <sup>th</sup> – INSET day 6 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return 13 <sup>th</sup> – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15)
<b>February</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform Day – World Wildlife Fund 12 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of term	<b>March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> – World Book Day 16 <sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Parents Meeting – PGL (2.15pm) 19 <sup>th</sup> – Comic Relief 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm) 25 <sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 7pm)
<b>April</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Non Uniform Day – Connor Saunders Foundation 1 <sup>st</sup> – Easter Parade and Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> Last day of term 19 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return 26 <sup>th</sup> – Attendance Awards Activities	<b>May</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> – Pangolin Class Assembly 18 <sup>th</sup> – Red Panda Class Assembly 21 <sup>st</sup> – Penguin Class Assembly 28 <sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform Day – School Fund 28 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term
<b>June</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> – INSET Day 8 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return 18 <sup>th</sup> – Koala Class Assembly 25 <sup>th</sup> – Puffin Class Assembly 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (2pm) 30 <sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day (2pm)	<b>July</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Bumblebee Class Assembly 6 <sup>th</sup> – New Reception Children Visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15am) 7 <sup>th</sup> – Reports out 9 <sup>th</sup> – Summer Party (3.15 – 5pm) 13 <sup>th</sup> – New Reception Children Visit and parents meeting (9.15 – 10.15am) 13 <sup>th</sup> – Shuffle through session (11-12) 16 <sup>th</sup> – Shuffle through session (11-12) 19 <sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform Day – Food Bank 14 <sup>th</sup> – Report drop-in 16 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4pm) 20 <sup>th</sup> – New Reception Children visit (9.15 – 10.15am) 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Leavers' Assembly 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term