

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has bought and sold raffle tickets, donated prizes or persuaded business to donate prizes. If you won prizes, they will be coming home with your child today. In total we raised over £800! AMAZING!!!!

This money will go into our school fund and be used to support children's learning and play over the next year. We are so grateful for your support as school budgets are being cut each year. However, we also know how hard things are for some of our families, so we are incredibly grateful.

Attendance Awards

We held our Attendance Awards for Summer Term 1 at the beginning of this half term. Over 70 children got 100% attendance for the term – well done all! Some children visited the King and Queen, some Alcampo Lounge and others had a party in the hall! Thanks again to our lovely local business who continue to support the initiative.



We have the awards at St. Bartholomew's as attendance has been below the expected standard for many years (pre-covid) and it is a key area for improvement from our previous OFSTED. Put simply, not enough children at our school come to school every day – if they were, we wouldn't NEED to reward children for doing what is expected of them and their families. We know that good attendance directly relates to good progress and attainment.

However, it's important to point out that NOT going on an attendance trip, is NOT a punishment and this is an important lesson for children to understand, and MOST do. We would NEVER punish poor attendance. We also make it clear to children that it is very rare for children to get 100% attendance so they won't get ALL the awards. We think MOST children should be able to manage to get the awards around 3 times a year.

We do have other strategies we use to encourage good attendance – these rewards are just one strategy. However, if you have any other ideas about how we can encourage attendance, we would be really pleased to hear them.

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Primary Stars

We are delighted that Dirar was nominated as the Primary Stars Award winner for Brighton and Hove Albion's community group, Albion in the Community! We are so proud of Dirar and all he has achieved through working with the Primary Stars team, including Jadey and Luke. All the children in the class got a medal and a slice of cake. Dirar received a special t-shirt, medals and a lovely limited edition framed print.



Please have a look at

<https://albioninthecommunity.org.uk/inspiring-dirar-named-as-a-primary-stars-superstar-on-fifth-anniversary-celebrations/> for more information. Well done Dirar!



Class Assemblies

Red Panda Class shared a fantastic assembly with us, all about the various activities they have taken part in this year. It was amazing to see just some of the exciting opportunities that have been offered this year! They of course finished with a song which was superbly sung! Well done and thank you to all involved!

Big Band Club

Big Band Club has been running all term and last night they shared what they have been learning with parents and other guests. They performed 4 songs for us and all children were able to swap between instruments and vocals, quite admirably. Thank you to Mrs Paton for running such a great club! We hope it will continue next year.

Please look out for a clubs letter at the beginning of next term as we will be continuing with clubs.

Sports Day

Congratulations to all our wonderful pupils who took part in this year's Sports Day. We had a special disability friendly event, run by our friends at Albion in the Community. All pupils participated in boccia, blind football and sitting volleyball. KS2 pupils also had a truly inspirational and educational talk from Kieron, who shared what it is like to have cerebral palsy, how it can affect him but how he has overcome the barriers in his life.

Pupils in every event earned points towards the final score. The winners were shared in assembly today and medals were handed out to the winning teams.

Overall winners: **Greens**

Overall runners up: **Reds**

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KS1 results:

1st place: Greens
2nd place: Reds
3rd place: a tie between Blues and Yellows

KS2 results:

1st place: Greens
2nd place: Reds
3rd place: Blues
4th place: Yellows



Many thanks to all those who took part, supervised pupils or came to support and a special thank you to Albion in the Community for running such a fantastic event.



Hove Lagoon Trips

On Monday and Tuesday this week, Years 5 and 6 went paddle boarding with Lagoon Watersports. We walked to Hove Lagoon along the seafront, stopping off for a picnic on the beach as well as a delicious ice cream. The children had lots of fun learning new skills and playing some brilliant team building games. Our pupils represented our school fantastically and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout. It was a wonderful day!



Thomas in Year 6 said: "I think you should book it again for the next Year 5 and 6 classes. We really enjoyed it."

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Withdean Athletics Competition



On Wednesday 22nd June, we were extraordinarily proud to celebrate another marvellous Withdean Athletics performance. Not only did we finish a successful 3rd place in our division of 7 schools, but we also came a fantastic 3rd out of 24 schools in the Track Events Cup (sprinting, relay and 600m). A special mention must go to our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 girls relay teams who all won gold medals! Well done too to Ava, who won another gold in the very tough 600m race. A huge thank you as well to Keke for being an inspirational captain and leading by example.

To make a great event even better, all pupils behaved fantastically from the moment they walked into school early (many thanks to all the parents and carers who made this happen), to the moment we arrived back. We cannot wait for the event, next year! Many thanks to all the adults who helped make the day run smoothly.

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

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Reminders and Notices

Final School Mass

Our final School Mass of the year in the church will be on Thursday 14th July. It would be lovely to have as many parents there as possible, so if you can make it, please do meet us outside the school, just after 9am. You can then walk to the church with your child's class.

Staffing

As you know, Ms Soar and Miss Keeling are leaving at the end of term. Also, sadly, Miss Armenti is moving on – she has been an amazing teaching assistant.

We have Miss Nagle joining us as a class teacher for 2 days a week in Year 2 and Mr Naeem who will be teaching in Year 1.

All parents should have received a communication about which class their child will be in next year. This will have been sent via email. Miss Banks will be Assistant Head and Mrs Christie-Davies continues as Assistant Head for Inclusion.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

July	September 2022
14 th Jaguar Class Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4pm)	1 st – INSET Day
19 th Non Uniform Day	2 nd – INSET Day
20 th Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2pm)	5 th – First day of term
21 st Last day of term	

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