

St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Book Donation



The 'Open Minds Project' have kindly donated these wonderful new books to our school, and the School Council will be organising them and distributing them to classes. We are so lucky to have received so many wonderful diverse titles. We are thrilled!

A Pheasant Visitor

Last week, we had a very unusual visitor for an urban school – we came in to find a pheasant flying between the playground and the roof! He seemed to have a nice time for a while at St Bartholomew's!



Church School

St Bartholomew's Church

The church is open for public worship; please visit our website <http://www.stbartholomewsbrighton.org.uk/> for further information.

Holy Week

It is extremely encouraging that it looks like we will be able to observe Holy Week and Easter in public, especially as we were deprived of this opportunity last year. I hope that many of you will want to be with us as we make our way through the most important week in the Church's year but please continue to make sensible decisions about what is safest and most appropriate for you.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 1 April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

Friday 2 April

3pm The Solemn Liturgy

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

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Holy Saturday

Saturday 3 April

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4 April

10.30am Solemn Mass

Bible Verse

Listen to advice and accept **discipline**, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Proverbs 19:20

Reminders and Notices

Social Media and Over 18 Games

We have some primary age children that have been using Social Media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, TikTok and Snapchat. The minimum age for all of these sites is 13 and the minimum age for WhatsApp is 16. Therefore, if you allow your children on these sites, you are breaking the law.

Some children have been receiving and sending messages to people that they don't know and some of these messages have been inappropriate. This is not safe and can lead to a child being groomed.

Children also tell us about over 18 video games that they are playing at home. Again, this is not allowed and the school could report this to the police and Social Services. Please do not let your children play games that are not age appropriate. Equally, if they are playing games over the Internet and talking to other players, this should only be with people they know.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> is a great place for parents to find out how to be a good parent online and how to be proactive with working with children in keeping them safe.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> is a good place to go (it is supported by O2 and the NSPCC) if as a parent you want to find out more about the apps and technology that are being used.

There is also advice on a range of apps used for communication as well as for mobile games.

- **Common Sense** Reviews of games, apps and films by parents and children
<https://www.common sense media.org>
- **Family Lives** Get advice and support whenever you need it. Online mentor available
<https://www.familylives.org.uk>
- **Childline** Your child can contact ChildLine anytime. Online counsellor available 24 hours a day
<https://www.childline.org.uk>
- **Internet Matters** Working with online safety experts, with guides to help you set parental controls
<https://www.internetmatters.org>

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Coronavirus

The following advice has been sent to schools by the Department of Education to share with parents and staff about reporting positive test results over the Easter break. Please read it all carefully.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. **So, if your child is symptomatic from Sunday 4th April and then tests positive, you DO NOT need to notify the school until we return for the Summer term.**
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. **So, if your child is symptomatic on Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April, and you subsequently get them tested, and they have a positive result, you MUST notify the school by emailing covid@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk**
- **The phone lines will not be manned at all during the holidays**, so any contact you need to make with me regarding the above, must be done via email. The email will be checked once a day.
- If your child tests positive after 7th April, you can update us when we return to school.

Please remember that ALL families with school age children can access free coronavirus home tests to use regularly to check for the virus. Please go to <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing> to find out how to access them in Brighton and Hove.

We ask that as many families as possible participate in this so that we can keep each other safe. All positive results should be reported to the school.

Arrangements for after the Easter Holidays remain the same in terms of coronavirus guidance and procedures at school.

Attendance and Reporting Absences

Please can we remind all parents and carers that if your child is going to be absent from school, you must call the school office on the morning of the absence. Please don't tell your child's class teacher as they will be busy in the morning and the message may not be passed on to the office in time!

If you do not contact us and we are unable to contact you, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If your child has 3 days of unauthorised absence in any six-week period, you will be referred to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child.

Please also remember that your child's school attendance is extremely important. Children have missed so much school over the past two years that any time in school is even more valuable than ever – both for learning and for socialising. If your child's attendance is a concern, you will be contacted by myself and may be referred to our Independent Attendance Advisor.

If you are having issues bringing your child to school, please speak to me. We can find a way to help.

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School Dates

Please note, that this list of dates below has changed somewhat from the previous newsletter so it's worth checking again.

Watch Live Theatre!

Brighton-based children's theatre company Freckle Productions are delighted to announce that their popular stage adaptation of Stick Man, based on the book by Julia Donaldson with illustrations by Axel Scheffler, will be available for Brighton & Hove school pupils to stream for free from Tuesday 30 March – Wednesday 7 April.

Filmed at the production's final live performance at the Rose Theatre Kingston in December 2020, this made-for-TV version of the show was initially created for families to view at home over Christmas. However, with the extraordinarily tough start to the year, Freckle are keen to give something back to their hugely supportive audiences in Brighton, and hope that Stick Man will be an hour of fun for families this Easter.

To access the stream, please click the following link and enter the password when prompted:

<https://vimeo.com/freckleproductions/stickman-brighton> - Password: StIckLadyL0ve

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher

Calendar Dates

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

April

1st Last day of term

19th – Pupils return

June

7th – INSET Day

8th – Pupils return

29th – Sports Day (TBC)

30th – Reserve Sports Day (TBC)

May

28th – Non Uniform Day – School Fund

28th – Last day of half term

July

6th – New Reception Children Visit with Parents

7th – Reports out

9th – Summer Party (TBC)

13th – New Reception Children Visit and parents meeting

13th – Shuffle through session

16th – Shuffle through session

19th – Non Uniform Day – Food Bank

14th – Report drop-in

16th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (TBC)

20th – New Reception Children visit

22nd – Leavers' Assembly

23rd – Last day of term

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