

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Children in Need

A fabulous £143 was raised for Children in Need this term. Thanks to Miss Beavis and everyone who contributed – what a great amount from our small school! Well done all!

Film Night

We held our first film night since the pandemic and what a lovely evening it was! The children watched Paddington and ate snacks prepared by our lovely PTFA. It was a very chilled out evening. Thank you to all the parents who helped out and to the staff who stayed on to make sure every child got home safely.

We hope to have another film night in February.

Christmas Shows



We have been treated to some amazing Christmas Shows from all of our children! We had some wonderful singing, acting and dancing from all of the children and I know the parents/carers who were able to attend had a marvellous time. A HUGE thank



you to all our staff who put so much time and effort into planning and organising these brilliant events – it really is much appreciated. We would also like to thank Simon Brading who has volunteered with many of our rehearsals and performances and also done some Christmas singing in some classes!

Carol Service

Our final event before Christmas was our Carol Service – always a lovely occasion and a lovely start to Christmas for everyone. Our Jaguar Class were amazing and reminded us all about the story of the first Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making it so special.



Bring and Buy Sale

The School Council have been so proactive this term - we are really impressed! Last week, they held a Bring and Buy Sale and raised over £100 for a local Children's Cancer charity – well done Mrs Allaway, Mrs Wilson, Miss Cannon and the school council!

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Big Band and Soundmakers

We have been treated to 2 brilliant musical performances recently from our brilliantly talented children.



Soundmakers

On Friday 9th of December, our Year 5 pupils concluded their series of guitar lessons with a FANTASTIC concert to the whole school, parents and carers. This term, these children have had a guitar lesson with Mr Andrew Walker from Soundmakers (an organisation that delivers inspirational music tuition across our wonderful city) every Friday morning. Our Year 5s performed 4 songs, including a brilliant rendition of 'Last Christmas'. Well done to all those who took part and many thanks to the audience for being so wonderful.

Big Band

Our brilliant Big Bang Club performed to the whole school and their parents and were wonderful. We had so many positive comments afterwards about how brilliant it was – well done Big Band and Mrs Paton. If your child is interested in joining the club, please see the club letter which will come out in the Autumn Term.

Christmas Lunch

We enjoyed our Christmas lunch this Wednesday – another delicious one cooked by Ann-Marie and her team! It was a wonderful lunchtime with Christmas decorations, lights and music, as well as the staff eating their lunch with the children. We had some wonderful Year 6 helpers too – thank you Devji, Michel and Amarilis.



Breakfast Club Award

We are delighted that our Breakfast Club has been awarded the Healthy Choice Gold Award – a MASSIVE well done to Mrs Pacey and her team. They were praised for the healthy choices offered and the range of activities that children can do during Breakfast Club.

If you are interested in Breakfast Club, please pay via Parent Pay and come along! The door opens at 8am – The cost is £2.50 and this includes a healthy breakfast and childcare for 45 minutes.

Jadey's Kindness Tree

Jadey volunteers with us every Tuesday and Thursday. He listens to lots of children read but is also part of our Champions's Project. As part of this, children tell Jadey when someone has done something kind and this is displayed on our Kindness Tree – there are already a number of kind things on there that children have done. We look forward to filling our tree up! Thanks Jadey!

Mrs Gregson and Miss Thomas

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Gregson has finished her cancer treatment and requires no further treatment – she is cancer free! I am sure that you will agree that this is brilliant news. She is going to make sure she is fully recovered and hopes to return sometime in the new year.

Miss Thomas is returning from Maternity Leave in January and will be working in school on a Monday and Tuesday – we can't wait to have her back!

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Governors Needed

We have said goodbye to one of our parent governors – Dan McIntyre – who has been a fabulous Governor over the last four years. We thank him for all the work he has done.

Therefore, we are looking for a new Parent Governor but also have vacancies for Foundation Governors. Parent Governors need to be parents/carers of children who are currently in school and Foundation Governors can be parents/carers or anyone else who follows the Christian faith. We would also be interested in appointed Governors who reflect the diverse make up of our school body.

Governors attend 6-8 meetings a year in the evenings and also take a role in monitoring school improvement. It can be a challenging role but it is also very interesting and rewarding. There is a great video here - <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/jobs/volunteering/become-school-governor> - that will tell you more. However, you can also talk to myself or Father Ben Eadon if you are interested.

If we have more than one volunteer for Parent Governor, the parent body are asked to vote for who they think would best represent them.

If you are interested in either roles, please email me on katieblood@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk by Monday 16th January.

Church School

News from the Church



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
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Christmas at St Bartholomew's
Saturday 17th December
4pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve
4pm Family Crib Service
11pm Midnight Mass
Haydn St Nicholas Mass

Christmas Day
10.30am Solemn Mass

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Reminders and Notices

January

Term Starts for Pupils on Wednesday 4th January - we look forward to seeing you all then!

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

January	February
3 rd – INSET day 4 th – Pupils return 10 th – Open morning for prospective parents (11am – 12pm) 23 rd – Parent Forum (2pm)	3 rd – Film Night 10 th – Non-Uniform Day – School Fund 10 th – Last day of half term 20 th – Pupils return 27 th – 3 rd Book Week
March	April
6 th – Parent Forum (2.00) 7 th – Year 5 Parents Meeting PGL (2.15) 17 th – Sport Relief 17 th – Film Night (TBC) 21 st – Parents' Evening (3.30 – 5.30) 23 rd – Parents' Evening (3.30 – 7.00) 27/28/29 th – Year 5/6 Residential 29 th – Non Uniform Day – Connor Saunders Foundation 30 th – Easter Parade 30 th – Last day of Term for pupils 31 st – INSET Day	17 th – Pupils return
May	June
8 th – Year 4/5 Parents meeting for Y5 Residential (2.30) W/B 8 th – Year 6 tests 19 th – Pangolin Class Assembly 19 th – Film Night 23 rd – Parent Forum (2.00) 26 th – Penguin Class Assembly 26 th – Non School Uniform – School Fund 26 th – Last day of half term	5 th – INSET Day 6 th – Pupils return 16 th – Koala Class Assembly 21 st – New Reception Children visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15) 27 th – Sports Day 28 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 30 th – Red Panda Class Assembly 30 th – Summer Party (2.30 – 4.30)
July	
5 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 6 th – Reports out 7 th – Year 6 transition day 13 th – Report drop-in 14 th – Bumblebee Class Assembly (2pm) 14 th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4.00) 17 th – St Bart's Got Talent (2.00 – 2.45) 19 th – Non Uniform Day - Food Bank 20 th – Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm) 21 st – Last day of term	

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