

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News Christmas Videos

I hope you have enjoyed watching the Christmas Videos that the pupils made. If you are yet to enjoy, please search for St Bartholomew's CE Primary School on YouTube and you should find a brilliant video from each class.

Please enjoy them at home - I think you will agree they are great fun and a Covid-secure alternative to our usual Christmas performances.

All pupils have been included wherever possible. If your child isn't in the video it may be because they were absent on filming days or that you haven't completed the photo permissions on SchoolPing.

I would also like to extend a HUGE thanks to our staff who have learnt yet another new skill to make these films with your children. For our usual Christmas Performances, we already require them to be script writers/editors, conductors, costume designers, sound engineers, set designers, directors, stage hands, roadies and many other roles! Now, we have added camera operator, editor and producer to that already long list of skills they need!

I hope you enjoy them and please give any positive feedback to your child's class teacher - I know they will appreciate it!



Christmas Lunch



We enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Lunch this week, prepared by Ann-Marie and her team. It was delicious and some lucky Year 6 children got seconds – one of the perks of being last in!

All of the staff pitched in to help out with all the extra clearing up and serving, as well as some of our older children – thank you all! Teamwork really pays off at times like this, especially with all the extra cleaning and organisation during the pandemic.

No photos I am afraid as I was too busy on gravy duty!

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

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Miss Rhodes

From January 2021, the children in Puffin Class and Koala Class will be taught together as one class. Mrs Allaway and Miss Beavis will be the teachers and unfortunately we are unable to extend Miss Rhodes' contract so today was her last day.

We are very sorry to see Miss Rhodes go, as I know her class were too. We have been so lucky to have found such a great teacher who helped us out when we needed cover and she has been with us for over a year. She has fitted right into the team and has thrown herself into so many school activities. We said a big thank you to her in Key Stage 1 Assembly this morning but will miss her so much. We wish her lots of luck in the future and we hope we might see her again!

Coronavirus Emergency Contact

Over the Christmas break, you will still need to contact us if your child has any Coronavirus symptoms. The symptoms are:

- new continuous cough
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child has any ONE of these symptoms, the whole household must isolate until they receive a negative test result. If your child has symptoms you MUST contact us. Please do this by emailing covid@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk with the following information:

- Child's name
- Child's date of birth
- Child's year group
- Date of first symptoms
- The last date they were in school
- Confirmation that you have booked a test and whether it's a postal or a walk-in test.

You MUST then also let us know ASAP what the test results are when you receive them.

Someone will reply to your message but as staff are on their Christmas break, the mailbox will only be checked once a day up until 24th December. A member of SLT will then follow up the case and make the necessary arrangements.

The mailbox will then be checked just before the start of term.

It's important that ALL parents regularly check their SchoolPing up until Christmas Eve and then again from the 4th January. We hope we won't be messaging you to self-isolate for 10 days but there is a clear possibility of this happening.

Please do not use this mailbox for any other queries – they will not be answered.

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Church School

Christmas at St Bartholomew's Church

The schedule of Christmas services this year is:

Saturday 19 December

Carol Service at 4.00pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service at 4.00pm

Midnight Mass at 10.30pm

Christmas Day

Solemn Mass at 10.30am

Also, please be aware that all these services are ticketed. Tickets are free but you must book in advance. Tickets can be booked here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-bartholomews-church-brighton-31922990581>

Bible Verse

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Reminders and Notices

Start of Term

Just a reminder that the start of term is Wednesday 6th January as we are having 2 INSET days on the Monday and Tuesday. The staff will be receiving training on Inference in Reading, Moral Purpose and Racial Literacy.

Please do keep an eye on your SchoolPing regarding any changes to the start of term due to Coronavirus rules.

Front Door for Families

If you are concerned about any children over the holidays, please make a referral to Front Door for Families. This can be done online via <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/tell-us-if-you-are-worried-about-child>.

You can complete this form as a parent or carer, member of the public or a professional. You also have the choice to remain anonymous if you want to.

If you need help filling in this form, you can phone 01273 290400 or email FrontDoorforFamilies@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

ParentPay

Please ensure you check your ParentPay balance during the Christmas Break and pay any money owing, as well as making sure there is enough money in your account for the start of term.

Dinner and Breakfast Club payments MUST be paid for in advance. Do not wait to pay in arrears AFTER dinner has been had. Please regularly check (once a week at least) that your ParentPay account is up to date.

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If you will not be able to make a payment for ANY reason, please telephone the school office and we can set up a payment plan. Dinner and Breakfast Club attendance for the week is added to ParentPay on a Friday so please check on a Friday afternoon.

Please remember that the school has to cover any debts, meaning that we have less money to spend on your child's education. The amount of admin time it takes to chase debts also costs the school and means that we have to spend a significant amount of time in the office contacting parents to ask them to pay dinner money, Breakfast Club fees and for school trips. Please help us by paying for things in advance and on time or letting us know that you need support with this.

If you are regularly in debt on ParentPay for School Dinners and/or Breakfast Club, you will be asked to come in for a meeting to discuss it with me.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher

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Calendar Dates

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

December 18 th – Non Uniform Day – School Fund 18 th – Last day of term	January 4 th – INSET day 5 th – INSET day 6 th – Pupils return 13 th – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15)
February 12 th – Non Uniform Day – World Wildlife Fund 12 th – Last day of term	March 4 th – World Book Day 16 th – Year 5 Parents Meeting – PGL (2.15pm) 19 th – Comic Relief 23 rd – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm) 25 th – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 7pm)
April 1 st – Non Uniform Day – Connor Saunders Foundation 1 st – Easter Parade and Mass 1 st Last day of term 19 th – Pupils return 26 th – Attendance Awards Activities	May 7 th – Pangolin Class Assembly 18 th – Red Panda Class Assembly 21 st – Penguin Class Assembly 28 th – Non Uniform Day – School Fund 28 th – Last day of half term
June 7 th – INSET Day 8 th – Pupils return 18 th – Koala Class Assembly 25 th – Puffin Class Assembly 29 th – Sports Day (2pm) 30 th – Reserve Sports Day (2pm)	July 2 nd – Bumblebee Class Assembly 6 th – New Reception Children Visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15am) 7 th – Reports out 9 th – Summer Party (3.15 – 5pm) 13 th – New Reception Children Visit and parents meeting (9.15 – 10.15am) 13 th – Shuffle through session (11-12) 16 th – Shuffle through session (11-12) 19 th – Non Uniform Day – Food Bank 14 th – Report drop-in 16 th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4pm) 20 th – New Reception Children visit (9.15 – 10.15am) 22 nd – Leavers' Assembly 23 rd – Last day of term