

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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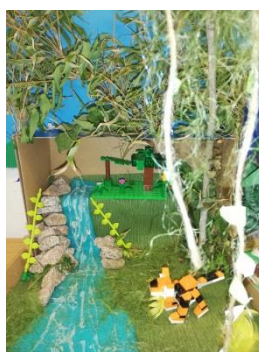


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Jaguar Dioramas

Children in Jaguar class made some wonderful Dioramas about endangered animals for a home learning project. The standard of work was outstanding across the class, setting an excellent example to those lower down the school. We are hoping to display them somewhere so everyone can see them! Thanks to Jaguar class for giving us such high quality work for the younger children to aspire to.



Back to School

We have now been back at school for 4 weeks – in fact some of our children have only **been** at school for 4 weeks! This is what some of them have to say about their new classes.

"It's been fun! We've been doing fun learning in maths. We have learnt about number bonds and part-part-whole. I like doing harder work." **Nadia, Koalas**

"It's fun at playtimes and I really like the work. I like trying different ways of working out the maths." **Igor, Red Pandas**

"It's actually pretty good but when I first started I was nervous but now I am ok and not that nervous now. I am enjoying the maths lessons." **Samya, Jaguars**

"I was already quite excited and I was looking forward to it. I have liked learning about writing riddles and I like having a draw to keep my stuff in." **Aylah-Tae, Penguins**

"It's been brilliant! I have learnt art, English, topic, RE and handwriting. I like doing harder work." **Matilda, Koalas.**

"I like the number challenge." **Poppy, Bumblebees**

"I like playing the spider game." **Lilly, Bumblebees**

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Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone who came to our first Parent Forum last week. We talked about how the school communicates with parents and there were a few suggestions how to improve this – hopefully you will begin to see some positive changes. The next Parent Forum is on Tuesday 12th November at 2.30pm.

Film Night

We will be having a Film Night on Friday 18th October from 3pm – 5pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be provided and we will be watching Toy Story 4. It is open to all children at St Bartholomew's School but Reception children will need a parent/carer to stay with them. The PTFA are organising this event to raise money for the school. Tickets cost £5 and will be on sale in the school office from Wednesday 9th October.

Non Uniform Day

On Friday 18th October, we will have a non-uniform day. We will be raising money to donate to the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) to support their work with endangered animals. Children can dress in non-school uniform (please make sure it is still suitable for school activities) and bring in £1 donation. Money will be collected in class.

Online Games

We sometimes have children telling us they are playing games with a 12, 15 and 18 rating that are not suitable for children to play. Please be aware that these games have ratings for a reason and although they may not seem to have a negative effect on your child, there can be negative long term effects of playing these games. Also, the average online gamer is 34, so if children are using a device/game which means they can chat with other players, it is highly likely they will be talking to adults.

Meerkat Walking Trail

From Tuesday 1 October - Sunday 1 December 2019, nine meerkats will be let loose and hiding around the streets of central Brighton. This mini-adventure is for young children and their families, but anyone can take part, whatever your age. The Meerkat Trail is a chance to have fun, enjoy being out and about together and learn about local places. There are also stickers to collect along the way!

For details visit <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/meerkat-walking-trail-central-brighton>.

Healthy Start Food Vouchers

If you are pregnant or have children under the age of four and claiming certain benefits you could qualify for Healthy Start food vouchers. With Healthy Start, you get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, vitamins and infant formula milk. For more information and details on how to apply for Healthy Start, visit the website <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>.

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Holidays During Term Time

Please can we remind parents that you are not permitted to take your child out of school for a holiday during school time and so it is unlikely ANY holidays will be authorised. However, if you arrange a meeting with me BEFORE you make any booking, there may be circumstances in which it can be authorised. Absolutely NO holidays can be authorised after the event, and it is **very likely** that you will be referred for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Calendar Dates

October

3rd - Vision Meeting for Parents (6.00)
17th - Harvest Celebration in Church
18th - Non Uniform Day
18th - PTFA Film Night (3-5)
22nd - Parents Consultation Evening (3.30 – 5.30)
24th - Parents Consultation Evening (3.30 – 7.00)
25th - Last day of half term

November

4th - Pupils return
6th - PTFA Meeting (2.30)
W/B 11th - Anti Bullying Week
12th - Parent Forum – Church School (2.30)
23rd - Made Fair
26th - SATS Meeting for Koala parents (2.30)
28th - SATS Meeting for Jaguar parents (5.00)

December

5th - Juniors Christmas Show
11th - Infant Nativity
13th - Non Uniform Day
13th - PTFA Film Night (TBC)
19th - Carol Service at Church led by Jaguars
20th - Last day of term

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher