

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Children in Need

Thank you so much to all of our families and staff who came to school in spotty clothes and made their contribution to Children in Need. Thank you also to Miss Beavis who organised it. We will let you know soon how much was raised!



Anti Bullying Week

This week, children have been learning to be United Against Bullying. The week started with an assembly and many children also joined in "Odd Socks Day" to celebrate what makes people unique! Throughout the week children have been involved in activities and discussions regarding bullying.

Please do take a look at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers> to continue the discussions at home.



Church School

A Message from Father Ben

Dear Friends,

It has been lovely getting to know you all this term having arrived at St Bart's during the original lockdown. Our pupils are an absolute delight in collective worship and I hope to be around school a bit more regularly once it is possible. I'd also like to mention that having only started at St Bart's in recent months myself we now have an even newer priest, Fr Philip Kennedy, who has just started working alongside me in the last fortnight. He is also in school for collective worship and is enjoying getting to know everyone.

This term has, of course, been a particularly challenging one for everyone at school and in all of our daily lives. Please know that the school and everyone involved with it is regularly prayed for in church. Also, if Fr

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Philip or I can provide any kind of support to you then please don't hesitate to be in touch with either of us. You can find our contact details on the church website: www.stbartholomewsbrighton.org.uk

Unfortunately, public worship is currently suspended but is due to resume at the beginning of December when we hope to return to celebrating the Mass on a daily basis. However, church continues to be open for private prayer Tuesday-Saturday 10am-1pm and Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm. Please feel free to pop into church when it is open and you are always very welcome to join us for worship when it restarts.

With my prayers and every blessing,

Fr Ben

Bible Verse

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Reminders and Notices

Coronavirus Update

Please ensure that you keep your distance during this time of lockdown. You are aware that we have had to close most of our classes over the last few weeks.

We are currently in a lockdown and this does mean that socialising outside of school should not be happening; many children come in and share that they have had play dates, or attended birthday parties, which is not acceptable at this time.

If our families are socialising outside of school then this brings in additional risk to all members of our school community – pupils, parents, carers, families, staff. I am aware that this is a very difficult season for us all but we all have our part to play in ensuring that we minimise the risk of the virus coming into our school community.

Food Bank

Our food bank is still up and running – please do ask a member of staff if you need some food provided for your family. We have plenty to share and we understand that it can be very difficult for families at this time.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who is making the effort with school uniform – we really appreciate it. Please can we remind you that children either need to wear uniform or PE Kit to school. We would prefer it if their PE trousers/shorts were black or grey, wherever possible. Next time you are replacing them, please remember this.

It is getting colder in school but we are trying to keep windows open to aid ventilation. Please ensure your children have enough layers on! We recommend vests and long sleeve tops under their uniform. Any additional jumpers/cardigans etc must be in school colours wherever possible. Full uniform should be worn first, before any additional non uniform layers are worn.

Occasionally, children have little “accidents” in school – this is very normal! If they come home in clothes and underwear belonging to the school, please, please, wash it and return it to school. At the moment, we are very short of underwear and we are having to buy pants every week!

Please remember that jewellery and expensive clothes, bags and any valuables should not be brought to school.

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Parents Evening

The cancelled Parents Evening for Red Pandas, Penguins, Pangolins and Jaguars has been rescheduled for next Wednesday 25th November. Please book via School Ping – it's important to regularly talk with your child's teacher. These meetings will take place over the phone – please ensure you make it clear which number you would like to be called on.

ParentPay

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. 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
Headteacher

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Calendar Dates

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

December 2 nd – Prospective Parents Presentation (6.30pm) 3 rd – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 17 th – Carol Service at Church led by Year 6 (2pm) 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