

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

New Parent Visits

Is your child starting primary school in September 2021?

We are offering some visits to school for prospective parents over the coming months. The spaces on these are **strictly limited**. There are **4 spaces** on each visit and we ask that **only adults visit**. All visits start at **9.30am** and will last for 30 minutes. Dates are as follows:

21st October

4th 12th 18th 26th November

3rd 7th December

13th January

We will also be holding an open evening on 2nd December, 6.30-7.30pm

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend any of these visits, please contact us with the full name and contact number of each person visiting. You can either call the school on **01273 692463** or email the school office. Masks must be worn during the visits.

Bumblebee Class

Our Bumblebees have been with us for nearly half a term now and we are so impressed at how quickly they have settled! It's like they have ALWAYS been part of our school. Some long lasting friendships have been formed and the children have already learned so much. Some of the children told us what they liked about school:

"I like coming in the car with my Mummy!" Alicja

"I love playing with Lilly and all my friends." Emika

"I like playing with my friends" Layan

"I like water play and bananas!" Arnav

"I like working." Laura

"I like walking at school." Gennie

"I like it. I like playing outside in the mud kitchen and playing Hide and Seek and playing the Floor is Lava and playing with the boxes and playing in Wonderland!" Joe

"I like cheese and hamburgers at school dinners." Sarah

"I like walking" Mia

"I love it!" Lilly

"I like sandwiches and potatoes." Ocean

"I liked getting a medal." Mya

"I like EVERYTHING! Everly



Bumblebees have also had a great time doing Balance Bike training over the last fortnight!

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We are so proud of them all and want to say thank you to all of our new parents. We would normally be flinging our doors open for you to pop in to see the teacher or to do some shared reading or to share something about yourself but due to the pandemic, our doors haven't been as open as they normally would!

Mountain Movers

We are lucky to have Kerri Tilson working with us again on a holistic approach to PE working on mind, body and soul. The children in this group do a range of activities to benefit their well-being. The response has been positive and we hope to develop it to include more children across the school. Thank you to the children taking part for trialling this for us!



"It's calming, soothing and relaxing and Miss Kerri is really sweet." Aimee-Leigh, Jaguars

"It's calming and lovely and literally the best club I have ever been to!" Megan, Pangolins

"I like that we do drawing and we talk about stuff." Liuka, Jaguars

Walk to School Week

Thank you to every one who participated in Walk to School Week! Everyone who did an extra bit of travelling to school in an active way received a medal and were entered into a prize draw. Some lucky children were picked out of the draw and won an additional goody bag or a book voucher!

The lucky winners this time were:

Bumblebees – Joe, Mohanad, Everly and Gennie
Puffins – Jamal, Reuben, Poppy and Sima
Koalas – Eelena, Gear, Ida and Miya-Mae
Red Pandas – Alex T, Oscar, Matilda, Caden
Penguins – Cyrus, Nadia, Flora and Mo
Pangolins – Keke, Lily-Rose, Joseph and Sharear
Jaguars – Jayda, Leon, Bryony and Liuka

Try to keep up the good walk to school habits!



Church School

Harvest

Thank you to those of you who made a donation to City Mission Food Bank over their fundraising page – I know they really appreciate it. If you haven't yet had the chance to do so, the link is here - <https://www.give.net/20022562>. It was very strange not having a traditional Harvest Celebration but the children still learnt about it in Collective Worship with Father Ben.

Bible Verse

Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:9

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

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Reminders and Notices

Coronavirus Update

Like most schools, we have had a number of pupils and staff who have had periods of time self-isolating whilst they wait for Coronavirus test results. If anyone receives a positive test results, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact the DfE helpline and then act accordingly on advice. We will always inform parents of any positive cases.

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 do 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.

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!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who have already signed up to speak to your child's class teacher next week. If you haven't already, please sign up via SchoolPing.

Permissions

Please make sure you have filled out the permissions form on SchoolPing. If you haven't, we cannot use your child's photograph in things like the school newsletter – we had some photos that we wanted to use in this newsletter but couldn't as parents hadn't yet filled out the permissions form!

If you have filled out the form but would like to change your mind on certain permissions, you can change this on SchoolPing.

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

October

1-31st Black History Month
14th – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15am)
15th – Harvest Celebration
19th – Parent Consultation Evening KS1 (3.50 – 5.30pm)
20th – Parent Consultation Evening KS2 (3.50 – 5.30pm)
21st – Parent Consultation Evening KS1 (3.30 – 7pm)
22nd – Parent Consultation Evening KS2 (3.30 – 7pm)
23rd – Non Uniform Day – Orang-utan Project
23rd – Last day of half term

December

2nd – Prospective Parents Presentation (6.30pm)
3rd – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15)
17th – Carol Service at Church led by Year 6 (2pm)
18th – Non Uniform Day – School Fund
18th – Last day of term

February

12th – Non Uniform Day – World Wildlife Fund
12th – Last day of term

April

1st – Non Uniform Day – Connor Saunders Foundation
1st – Easter Parade and Mass
1st Last day of term
19th – Pupils return
26th – Attendance Awards Activities

June

7th – INSET Day
8th – Pupils return
18th – Koala Class Assembly
25th – Puffin Class Assembly
29th – Sports Day (2pm)
30th – Reserve Sports Day (2pm)

November

2nd – Pupils return
13th – Children in Need
W/B 16th – Anti Bullying Week
18th – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15am)
28th – Made Fair (11 – 5pm)

January

4th – INSET day
5th – INSET day
6th – Pupils return
13th – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15)

March

4th – World Book Day
16th – Year 5 Parents Meeting – PGL (2.15pm)
19th – Comic Relief
23rd – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)
25th – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 7pm)

May

7th – Pangolin Class Assembly
18th – Red Panda Class Assembly
21st – Penguin Class Assembly
28th – Non Uniform Day – School Fund
28th – Last day of half term

July

2nd – Bumblebee Class Assembly
6th – New Reception Children Visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15am)
7th – Reports out
9th – Summer Party (3.15 – 5pm)
13th – New Reception Children Visit and parents meeting (9.15 – 10.15am)
13th – Shuffle through session (11-12)
16th – Shuffle through session (11-12)
19th – Non Uniform Day – Food Bank
14th – Report drop-in
16th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4pm)
20th – New Reception Children visit (9.15 – 10.15am)
22nd – Leavers' Assembly
23rd – Last day of term