

St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Drusilla's Trips

We are just beginning to see some signs of some normality creeping in and it's AMAZING! Red Panda, Penguin and Pangolin Classes all visited Drusillas Park and had a wonderful time! A HUGE thanks to all the teachers involved in organising the trip, especially putting into place all the additional Risk Assessments due to Covid.



Into University

Jaguar Class all graduated from Into University this week! Into University are an organisation that work in selected primary schools to support pupils to develop aspirations for their future. At St Bartholomew's children have sessions with Into University in year 4, 5 and 6, culminating in a Graduation at the end of the programme in Year 6. Although this year's sessions were slightly different, the children were still able to participate fully.

Congratulations Jaguar Class! Thank you to Into University and all the school staff that support this each and every time.

Class of 2021



Staff Leaving

This year we will be saying goodbye to some of our support staff who will be leaving us at the end of term.

Miss Bush has secured a job as a teacher at a local primary school and Miss Cottingham is off to train as a teacher. Well done to both of them and we wish them every success. Miss Chandler was already working in a second role when she joined us and she is keen to put more focus on that again – best of luck to her too! We have been very lucky to have all 3 of them working as part of the team for the last year.

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Parent and Transition Events

We have been given clear guidance by the Local Authority that we have to limit our transition events in school as the national Covid restrictions are still in place. We have written to all the parents of our new Reception children to update with new arrangements.

Each class are going to try to do an event for parents, that follows all Covid Guidance. This will be weather and Covid dependent but hopefully class teachers will be in touch with you soon.

Bumble Bee Class had their special event on Friday and sang songs to parents all about worms and shared what they had learnt this term. It was a lovely socially distanced event out in the garden and even included cakes with worms! Thanks to Miss Hier and all of the Bumble Bee staff team for putting on such a lovely event.



Church School

St Bartholomew's Church

As things begin to open up, please see <http://www.stbartholomewsbrighton.org.uk/worship-and-music.php> for information about worship.

Bible Verse

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10 24-25

Reminders and Notices

Behaviour Out of School

We have had some disappointing reports of a handful of children's behaviour outside of school, especially in the park at the Level. Although the school is not responsible for behaviour out of school hours, it can reflect badly on us, especially if pupils are in their St Bartholomew's fleece! Please make sure your child is properly supervised and that you manage any poor behaviour that they exhibit.

Corona Virus Testing

Many of us were very disappointed that the restrictions weren't lifted last week - hopefully we don't have too long to wait now. Please do follow all the rules so we can keep everybody safe.

Thank you to those of you who are doing regular Lateral Flow Tests. However, please remember that these **SHOULD NOT** be used if you have symptoms. A PCR test at a Test Centre is required if you have symptoms.

The latest advice is that if you have been a close contact with someone who has tested positive, you should get a test at a test centre.

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Social Media

No child at Primary School age is legally old enough to have any social media, including WhatsApp. If you do decide you are happy for you and your child to break the law, you must monitor their phone on a regular basis to ensure they are safe and to ensure they are using it responsibly. We are having to deal with increasingly more problems that have been caused by messages and posts on social media platforms which are beyond our control in school.

The following websites give further information about social media for young people.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

<https://parentinfo.org/article/under-13s-and-social-media>

Please do teach your children to use the Internet, especially social media, responsibly to keep themselves and others safe.

Uniform

This year, we have been a bit more relaxed with our uniform rules due to corona virus. We choose to have a uniform because it brings us together as a team but also because it tends to be a simpler and often cheaper option for families.

Information about our uniform, including a one stop inform shop can be found here https://st-bartholomews.eschools.co.uk/web/school_uniform/275630 on our website.

We have PLENTY of pre-loved/2nd hand uniform for people to have. It currently needs a good sort out though so if there are any parents who would like to volunteer to do this, we would be VERY grateful! Please contact the school office or mention it to a member of SLT and we will organise you to come in before the end of term! If there is a parent who would like to take on responsibility for the secondhand uniform on a more permanent basis, again, we would be very grateful.

We also have a VERY full lost property bucket. Anything that is named is returned. At the end of the year, anything that is left will either be thrown away or added to the 2nd hand uniform area, once it has been washed.

Jewellery should not be worn in school except for small studs in pierced ears. However, these need to be covered or removed for PE so please think carefully before you get these done as they cannot be removed for the first 6 weeks. We also encourage hair colour to be natural for pupils.

Secondary School Places

Brighton & Hove City Council is asking residents what they think the key things to consider are when dealing with the impact of fewer children needing secondary school places in future. The consultation will run until the 18 July 2021.

Pupil number projections suggest that in future years there will be more places than there are pupils to fill them. By 2030 it is estimated that nearly 20% of places will not be needed and this could impact badly on some of our schools as they try to manage budgets and staffing levels.

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An online engagement exercise is planned to try and understand residents views and opinions on issues such as how much importance should be placed on being able to attend a school that's near to them, and whether the current catchment areas should be adjusted.

Online meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday 29 June 2021 – 2pm

Wednesday 30 June 2021 – 6pm

Thursday 1 July 2021 - 10am

Tuesday 6 July 2021 – 10 am

Tuesday 6 July 2021 – 2pm

Wednesday 7 July 2021 – 6pm

Please go to <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/news/2021/planning-ahead-surplus-secondary-school-places> to access the online meetings.

Residents will also be able to give their opinions through the council's Consultation portal on the website.

However, if you are unable to share their views via the council's website, you can contact us on 01273 293653 and leave a message. We will call back and arrange to take down response.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher

Calendar Dates

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

July

6th – New Reception children visit with parents

7th – Reports out

13th – New Reception children visit and parents meeting

13th – Shuffle through session

16th – Shuffle through session

19th – Non Uniform Day – Food Bank

14th – Report drop-in

20th – New Reception children visit

22nd – Leavers' Assembly

23rd – Last day of term

September

2nd and 3rd – INSET DAYS

6th – Pupils Return to school