

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Seesaw

Thank for all the positive feedback we have received about Seesaw, our new remote learning platform. We know it's not the same as the children being in school but many of you have said that it's the next best thing! Please do continue to send your positive feedback but also anything you think could improve things further. This is a big learning curve for us all and I know the teachers have already made huge improvements over the last few weeks.

Our teachers are working really hard to provide work and feedback to your children and I am sure you will join me in offering them a big thank you.

Seesaw costs the school about £5 per pupil and we are not receiving any additional Government funding for this. We will continue to provide this resources for all families but would ask that any parents who are able, make a £5 contribution for their own child/children. This can be done via ParentPay. We have given the option to contribute £5 for your child or £10 if you can feel that you can make an additional donation to help cover the costs for those families who are struggling financially as a result of the pandemic. Thanks in advanced to anyone who feels they are able to make a donation.

Remote Learning Expectations

Most families are engaging well in the home learning via Seesaw but can I remind you all please that Remote Learning is not optional. All children should be doing their work on Seesaw, every day. This is what school looks like at the moment and it is still the law to attend. Our expectations for parents/carers and pupils are below.

Expectation for parents/carers

- Ensure pupils are accessing work and doing an appropriate amount of hours each day.
- Contact class teacher(s) with any concerns, including those regarding Seesaw logins and technical questions.
- Contact the school office if needing access to technology such as laptops etc.
- Ensure pupils have a daily routine – this may not be the same as the class timetable but some consistency would be helpful.

Expectations for pupils

- Log on to Seesaw each school day of the week.
- As a minimum, complete 3 pieces of work each day and submit to teacher.
- Resubmit any piece of work which has been returned with feedback from teacher.
- Follow the school's Golden Rules.

Children in Bumblebee Class and Koala Class should be doing 3 hours school work a day and those in Red Pandas, Penguins, Pangolins and Jaguars, should be doing at least 4 hours school work each day.

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To see our Remote Learning offer and Remote Learning Expectations in full, please look here on our website - https://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/home_learning/537773.

If your child does not engage enough in Remote Learning, you will be contacted by their class teacher and then this may be escalated to a member of SLT.

Devices

We were really lucky to receive 10 brand new Chromebooks donated from Albion in the Community on behalf of Brighton and Hove Albion. We send a MASSIVE thank you to them!

We have now been able to provide a device to every family who requested one and have some spare devices that we can loan to families if they need one. Please **email the school office** if you think your child would benefit from borrowing a laptop from school to complete their remote learning and we can arrange this for you. This will be done on a first come, first served basis, so please do be in touch if you think your child would benefit.

WiFi and Data

If you are loaned/given a device, you will still need to access the internet at home. If you cannot access the Internet at home OR you only have a limited data allowance, there are possibilities to help.

Firstly, we have MANY Vodafone SIM cards here which will give you 30GB of data FREE for 90 days. You can use this in a mobile phone and/or a SIM card dongle in a laptop. You can also use it in a mobile phone to use it as a mobile hotspot for other devices. Please email admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk if you would like one of these SIM cards.

Secondly, the school can apply to increase your data allowance. Please email admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk with your child's name, the name of your mobile network provider, the name on the account and the mobile number. The school will then make an application on your behalf to your network provider. There are no time scales set for this so as soon as you submit your information, the sooner an application can be made on your behalf.

Finally, the school can apply for a router to loan you. This will have a data SIM card in it which will last until the end of July. After that, you would have to pay for data or use one of the free Vodafone SIM cards, if they are still valid. If you are interested in this, please email admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk with your child's details.

Childcare Support

We have many more children accessing childcare than we did during the previous full lockdown. Please only use this provision if you have no alternative. If you do need to access childcare at all, please use the booking form on the website – https://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/january_2021/530103.

Return to School

You are more than likely aware that the Prime Minister announced that schools would be back, AT THE EARLIEST on Monday 8th March. We will work towards that date but will await for confirmation nearer the time.

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Free School Meal Vouchers

From this Thursday, the Free School Meal vouchers will be adjusted depending on the number of days your child is in school and accessing Emergency Provision - this is because a school lunch is provided for them at school on these days.

Each week of vouchers amounts to £15 - that's £3 per weekday that your child is not in school. So for every day your child is in school, your voucher will be reduced by £3 per day.

Please take a look at the table below to see how this will impact the value of your vouchers:

Number of days your child is in school each week	Voucher value each week
1	£12
2	£9
3	£6
4	£3
5	No voucher

Please remember that vouchers are issued every 2 weeks and the next voucher (to cover 2 weeks) will be issued on Thursday 4th February.

Foodbank

We do have plenty of food in our Foodbank so if you are in need at all, please do contact us – we can provide a big bag of food for you. Please contact the school office if you need anything – anybody is welcome to help and support.

Likewise, if you feel that you are able to make a donation to the foodbank, please do get in touch.

Church School

St Bartholomew's Church

The church is open for public worship; please visit their website <http://www.stbartholomewsbrighton.org.uk/> for further information. Father Ben and Father Philip will be pleased to welcome you!

Bible Verse

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 1 John 3 :17

Reminders and Notices

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>.

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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.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher

Calendar Dates

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

December

18th – Non Uniform Day – School Fund

18th – Last day of term

January

4th – INSET day

5th – INSET day

6th – Pupils return

13th – Open Session for new Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15)

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

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February 12 th – Non Uniform Day – World Wildlife Fund 12 th – Last day of term 22 nd – Pupils Return	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