

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Yoga Week

Last week all pupils enjoyed two sessions of Yoga. We used part of our Sports Premium funding to bring in Dominique, from Well Balanced Kids, to lead these. We discovered that yoga, as well as being very relaxing, can help us so much with developing our muscle strength and our flexibility. Many thanks to Dominique for leading such amazing lessons.



United Moves Dance Lessons



Many thanks to Sam, from United Moves Dance, for leading 2 fantastic dance lessons for each class this week. Sam helped pupils to investigate different moves, as well as teaching them some really cool, brilliantly choreographed ones. Sam is a long-term friend of the school and runs a Dance Club in the hall after school every Wednesday (please see the office for further details). She is also leading our Let's Dance performance later this month. If it is anything like the amazing one she choreographed for us last year, it will be simply brilliant!

Bike Fix and Pedestrian training

Children in Year 5 and 6 have had an opportunity to work with the Bike It team to learn how to fix bikes – an essential skill for cyclists! Our pupils in Year 3 have also been completing their pedestrian training over the last few weeks, so they can be safe when walking around a busy town or city.

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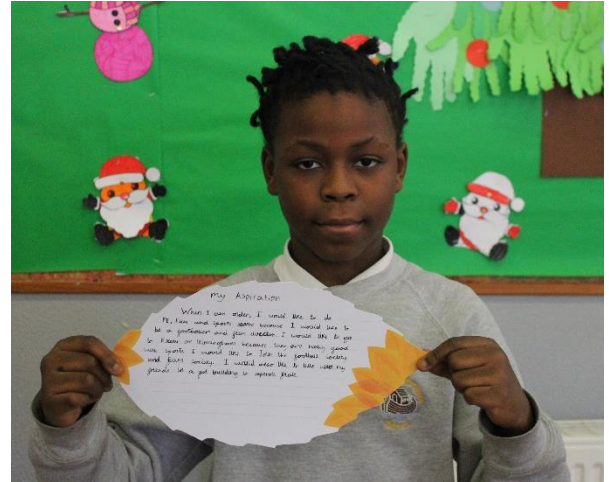
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Jaguar Class – Into University

Jaguar class had an excellent time during their week with Into University. They found out all about the options of going to university, worked on collaborative projects, visited an air raid shelter, went to the university and graduated! It was a full on, fun-packed week and a great opportunity for our pupils.



Thank You Gunns Florist

Pangolins would like to say a HUGE thank you to the wonderful Gunns Florist in Sydney Street. They very kindly donated an amazing bouquet of flowers for us to dissect (to bring alive our study of the male and female parts of a flower). The children really enjoyed investigating scientifically and being 'hands on' in their learning.



Staffing

We are delighted that Mrs Gregson is now back in school with us 2 days a week – it is lovely to have her back. Miss Thomas returned from maternity leave in January, too.

Mrs Wulitich is now working as a member of support staff 3 days a week when she has finished in the office so don't be surprised if you see her in the classrooms!

Miss Health who was previously our school cook is now also working as a member of our support staff.

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Film Night

We had a really successful film night in March – thank you to the parents/carers who came along to help and for the staff who stayed to help the children home safely at the end of the event. Our next Film Night is on 17th and details have been sent to you. The film the children will be watching is **The Main Event** (2020 version) which is rated **U**. Please sign up via ParentPay before the deadline of Wednesday 15th March.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on **Tuesday 21st March** from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and **Thursday 23rd March** from 3.30pm to 7pm in the hall.

Please sign up for a time to meet your child's teacher via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/9xgjb using event code **9xgjb**. Please book by Friday 17th March.

You will need to enter your email address, name, phone number and your child's name. You will then be emailed confirmation of your booking. This should hopefully be straightforward but please do contact the school office if you are having trouble making a booking.

School Mass

Please do come along to School Mass if you can. We have 2 more before Easter and the dates are as follows:

Thursday 9th March

Thursday 30th March – Our Easter Parade

Children in Koala, Red Panda, Pangolin and Jaguar class all attend church. If you do want to join us, wait outside the school office after drop off and you can walk down with your child's class. If you can walk them up again afterwards, we really appreciate it.

Church School

Church News

Stations of the Cross

This devotion offers us the opportunity to meditate on Christ's Passion and is celebrated every Thursday and Saturday in Lent up until Holy Week:

11.30am on Thursdays at St Bart's

12noon on Saturdays at St Paul's (except 25 March)

Lent Course

Each session of *Anticipating Christ in the Old Testament* will run twice a week up until Holy Week:

6.30pm on Tuesdays at St Bart's

12noon on Wednesdays at St Paul's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

This is an important and beautiful way in which we receive the grace of forgiveness having

Holy Week schedule:

Sunday 2 April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Solemn Mass 10.30am at St Bart's

Solemn Mass 11.00am at St Paul's

Monday-Wednesday

Low Mass 11.30am at St Paul's (Wednesday tbc)

Low Mass 6.00pm at St Bart's

Thursday 6 April

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St Paul's

Friday 7 April

Good Friday

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acknowledged our sins. Confessions can be heard:
12.30pm on Thursdays at St Bart's
12.30pm on Saturdays at St Paul's

The Solemn Liturgy 12noon at St Paul's
The Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm at St Bartholomew's

Saturday 8 April
Easter Vigil 8.30pm at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 9 April
Easter Sunday
Solemn Mass 10.30am at St Bart's
Solemn High Mass 11.00am at St Paul's

Reminders and Notices

Attendance

If your child is unwell, it is your responsibility to call the office by 9.30am to give reasons for absence. If you do not call, we will try to contact you. If no contact is made, we will record the absence as unauthorised. If your child has 3 unauthorised absences in a 6-week period, you are likely to be referred for Fixed Penalty Notice which results in a £60 fine per child per parent. This is Brighton & Hove policy.

We understand how difficult routine appointments are to get at the moment but children should not miss school for routine dentist, opticians etc. appointments. If they need to see a GP but are well enough to come to school, these appointments should also be made outside school hours.

If your child does have an unavoidable appointment that must be taken in school time, please email or call the school office at least 24 hours in advance and show evidence of the appointment, such as the letter or text received. Please try to ensure your child is in school for the register at 8.55am and at 1.30pm, even if they do have an appointment.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher

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Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

March	April
17 th – Comic Relief 17 th – Film Night (3 – 5) 21 st – Parents' Evening (3.30 – 5.30) 23 rd – Parents' Evening (3.30 – 7.00) 27/28/29 th – Year 5/6 Residential 29 th – Non Uniform Day – Connor Saunders Foundation 30 th – Easter Parade 30 th – Last day of Term for pupils 31 st – INSET Day	17 th – Pupils return
May	June
8 th – Year 4/5 Parents meeting for Y5 Residential (2.30) W/B 8 th – Year 6 tests 19 th – Pangolin Class Assembly 19 th – Film Night 23 rd – Parent Forum (2.00) 26 th – Penguin Class Assembly 26 th – Non School Uniform – School Fund 26 th – Last day of half term	5 th – INSET Day 6 th – Pupils return 16 th – Koala Class Assembly 21 st – New Reception Children visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15) 27 th – Sports Day 28 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 30 th – Red Panda Class Assembly 30 th – Summer Party (2.30 – 4.30)
July	
5 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 6 th – Reports out 7 th – Year 6 transition day 13 th – Report drop-in 14 th – Bumblebee Class Assembly (2pm) 14 th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4.00) 17 th – St Bart's Got Talent (2.00 – 2.45) 19 th – Non Uniform Day - Food Bank 20 th – Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm) 21 st – Last day of term	

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