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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Welcome Back

It's been a fabulous start back to the school year and the children have been excellent. When I drop into classes, the behaviour is impeccable and I can see and hear the learning happening.

So much has happened this term already!

Staffing

At the beginning of term, Mr Naeem joined us as our Penguin Class teacher and Phase Leader for KS1, and Miss Nagle joined Miss Beavis to teach Koala Class. Recently, Mrs Bashford has joined as a member of the support team and is mainly working in Penguin Class and Bumblebee Class

As you know, Mrs Gregson is unwell and receiving treatment. Thank you to those parents who sent cards – she was really grateful for them. The staff have also clubbed together to send a card and gifts.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This amazing event that was run by Mrs Barnett, and supported by staff and parents, raised over £260. We are so proud of our community for raising this amount of money at this time. Thank you to all of you for donating and a huge thank you to Mrs Barnett for all of her hard work.

Ark Week

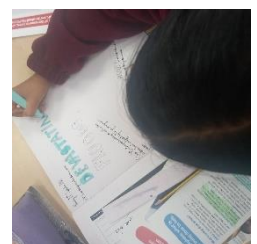
We had a fabulous Ark Week, celebrating all things Noah! The main purpose of Ark Week was for children to become familiar with the story of Noah's Ark as it is such a familiar image to our children and for them to find out about the animal their class is named after. In Collective Worship, children shared what they had done in Ark Week and shared information about their animals. In addition to this, staff planned many other activities including making arks out of matchsticks, ratio maths investigations making rainbow fruit kebabs, branching database diagrams and plenty of art! The children have had PLENTY to say about it!



"We painted arks in class." Kasper

"We have painted red pandas. We used sketching pencils to draw them." Melanie

"I enjoyed the way we are celebrating the story of our school logo. It's good to spend time doing this." Ruby



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

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"We have been learning a song and we have been learning about the floods in Pakistan. We have been with our talk partners to the ICT suite and searching up facts about Pangolins." Matilda

"We had paper and cut it into a boat shape. We stuck matchsticks on and will make a house. Next I am going to try to stick the front door on." Arman

"We listened to the story and then drew the ark in oil pastels." Tinos

"We made fruit kebab rainbows, like the rainbow that came after the flood. They were delicious!" Cyrus

"I am doing a Noah's Ark picture for Ark Week. We also painted a red panda to go in the ark." Violet S

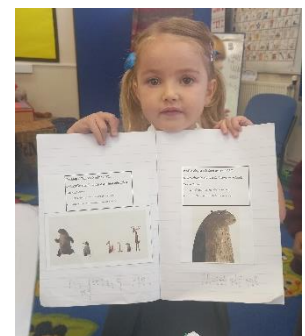
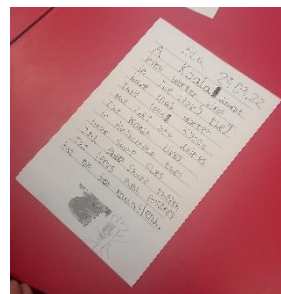
"We have been looking at the story in the bible." Ala

"We watched a video and found out what koalas eat." Yusuf

"We were reading the story. I figured out the leaves they eat are poisonous for humans but not for koalas." Josie

"We drew arks on paper plates. We have learnt the penguin song with Mr Naeem and we are going to do it in assembly." Lottie

"Mrs Allaway didn't know it so we had to do the penguin song for her!" Theo M



Fundraising for Pakistan



During Ark Week, the children learnt about the terrible situation with the floods in Pakistan. The School Council wanted to do something about this so worked hard with Mrs Allaway to organise a range of fundraising activities, including guess how many sweets in the jar, a penalty shoot-out and a colour themed non-uniform day. Devji, Amarilis and Mark all guessed within 2 of the right number of sweets in the jar, so they all got a share!



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Well done to Mrs Allaway and the School Council for organising great activities and thank you to everyone for joining in and their donations. So far, they have raised over £150, already smashing their £140 target! AMAZING – this will help so many people.

Bike Training, Swimming and Soundmakers

Our bike training has continued again this term for some of the children from Red Pandas class. This was postponed from last term when it was too hot and this time, on one occasion, it was too wet! We are lucky that this is fully funded by the Local Authority and gives our children a head start with cycling.

Swimming is also continuing for pupils in Year 5. This activity is not fully funded and we would LOVE to be able to provide it for free but unfortunately we do not have the budget to do so. Please make sure you pay on time for swimming. This is to be done via ParentPay.

Year 5 are also participating in the Soundmakers project this term. This is a fabulous opportunity for everyone to learn to play the guitar in this opportunity which is part funded by the school and part funded by Soundmakers. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please go to <https://brightondome.org/join-in/be-creative/music-lessons-in-schools/> to find out more. There is a cost for this but there are low cost options.

Black History Month

During Black History Month, we have been finding out about black history in Brighton and influential people of colour from Brighton and the UK. We have had assemblies about Marcus Rashford, John Agard and Grace Nichols. This is a great poem by Grace Nichols called When the Colours Spoke - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_IPF-b75EQ. We listened to it in assembly.

"I am happy that Black History Month is a thing but we should always be thinking about black history. Black people have always been treated differently and we need to address it more." Adam

"It would be good if we didn't NEED to have Black History Month." Mohammed

"I think we should have black history year!" Arman

As part of Black History Month, Jaguar Class had a VERY exciting (fully funded) opportunity to go to Brighton and Hove Albion's training ground in Lancing to meet some players as part of the No Room for Racism initiative. They were able to ask questions to Robert Sanchez, Joel Veltman and Danielle Carter all who play for Brighton and Hove Albion. The players all said they had seen racism in football both from players and fans. The children carefully planned their questions beforehand so the opportunity wasn't wasted!

Their questions were:

Has the colour of your skin ever affected your football?

How quickly does the FA deal with reports of racism?

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Have you ever experienced racism on the pitch?

Do you think that more can be done by the media to tackle racism?

Should harder sanctions be taken against fans who are openly racist, for example booing when taking the knee. Would harder sanctions be helpful?

How are you and your family protected from racism in your everyday life?

"It was the best day of my life!" Igor

"I am happy that we got things signed and had a group photo. It was my first time seeing a famous footballer."
Amarillis

"Sanchez said the colour of his skin hadn't affected his football but he had seen it. They were really genuine with their answers and they weren't really formal – they were laughing and joking!" Adam

"I got my fleece signed! It was nice that they answered our questions and I was glad they liked maths because I do too!" Dominika

"They said they got where they are not through money but through hard work. I really enjoyed meeting the players and they seemed like every day people too. We had normal conversations with them and Danielle said she liked maths." Ruby

"I got my shoes signed that I am going to wear at a tournament. We played a game with a click pad where we had to choose an answer." Arman

Robert Sanchez told the children that skill came through hard work – a fantastic lesson for them all!

Jaguar Class Church Visit



Although we often visit the church for worship, Jaguar class had the opportunity to explore the church with Father Ben and investigate how the church reflects the ways people worship.



"I really loved the candles. I lit a candle and said a prayer. The paintings were beautiful. I liked the mosaic too which had Latin

writing on." Ruby

"We were allowed to play hide and seek when we explored!" Mohammed

"I learnt the church isn't the ark, just the top house bit." Arman

"I learnt there is a confession box where you can say if you have done something wrong and say a little prayer."
Amarilis

"We talked about the mosaics and paintings and stained glass windows. We went up the stairs to the pulpit and were allowed to light candles." Dominika



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Gully's Health Squad



We had another visit from Gully last week, to launch Gully's Health Squad!

"Gully's Health Squad is Albion in the Community's new school-based healthy lifestyle programme, delivered by a team of expert nutritionists and health improvement coaches. Over the coming half-term, Gully's Health Squad will be visiting your school to deliver fun assemblies and classroom activities/challenges based around nutrition, wellbeing and keeping active. Look out for fun challenges and activities that the whole family can take part in to be healthier and active together!"



Church School

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The church is open for visiting and private prayer at the following times:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10am – 1.00pm
Saturday 10am – 4.00pm

Bible Verse

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16

Reminders and Notices

Harvest

Next Thursday, we will have our Harvest Mass and would love for as many parents/carers as possible to attend. Please meet your child's class at the school office and accompany them down to the church. This for children from Year 2 – 6.

We would ask that as many children as possible bring in some Harvest gifts that will be shared between our school foodbank and the City Mission foodbank. Next Thursday, please bring in any of the following: pasta, cereal bars, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, long life milk, juice cartons, squash, crisps, pre-packaged and long life bakery products (croissants, brioche, muffins, cakes, flapjacks), biscuits, pasta sauces, rice, curry sauce, instant noodle pots, instant porridge pots, cereal, tinned pasta, tinned beans, custard, rice puddings, packet desserts.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises, including the playground. Please do not bring dogs into the school building or playground at all. If you do, you will be asked to leave your dog outside.

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Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on **Tuesday 18th October** from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and **Thursday 20th October** from 3.30pm to 7pm. Please sign up for a time to meet your child's teacher via <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/99r5b> using event code **99r5b**. Please book by Monday 17th October.

This is a new system that we are using to book Parents' Evening. 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. Parents' Evening will take place in the school hall. Please access the hall via the Breakfast Club entrance (the green door opposite Sainsbury's) and ensure that you arrive promptly for your appointment.

Please remember that your child is your responsibility during Parents' Evening, and must not be left unsupervised. We hope that you will use this opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Breakfast Club and Dinner Money Payment

Please ensure breakfast club and dinner money is paid **in advance** of your child attending breakfast club or having a school dinner. If it is not, you will be regularly contacted by the school office to recover the debt. We understand that talking about money can be difficult but please do also be polite to office staff if they are following up the debt.

Any debt comes out of the school budget which means there is less money to spend on your child's education. As always, if you are struggling with money, please do come and speak to us. We still have our foodbank up and running so please let us know if you need to access this.

Donations

If you are taking the opportunity to have a bit of a clear out, we would gratefully receive any donations of:

- Good condition school uniform, including fleeces, socks, tights etc.
- Clean underwear (used for children who may have an accident – we have spent a lot of money on underwear for pupils this year)
- Clothes for dressing up – these could be costumes especially made for dressing up or adult clothes such as dresses, shirts, hats, waist coats, jackets, bags etc. We have this out at playtime and children love it!
- Toys such as Lego, toy cars, Playmobil, Duplo, puzzles, Rubik's Cube type puzzles/games, fidget toys etc.

Please bring any donations to the office.

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Uniform

Our uniform is in the school colours of grey, white and yellow. Most items can be bought from local shops or supermarkets. If you would like a jumper with the school logo on, you can purchase this online via www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StBartholomewsCOFPrimarySchoolBrightonBN14GP.

You do not have to buy jumpers or PE t-shirts with the school logo on – plain grey or yellow jumpers/cardigans are also fine to wear to school.

Our uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt
- Grey or yellow jumper (with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt or dress
- Black, brown or grey shoes
- Black PE shorts
- PE t-shirt (ask your child's teacher which colour is needed)



Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher

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Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

October	November
<p>18th – Parents' Evening (3.30 – 5.30pm) 19th – Open morning for prospective parents (9.15 – 10.15am) 20th – Parents' Evening (3.30 – 7pm) 21st – Non-uniform Day – WWF 21st – Last day of term 31st – Pupils return</p>	<p>14th – 18th – Anti-bullying week 17th – Open morning for prospective parents (11am – 12pm) 17th – Presentation for prospective parents (6.30pm) 18th – Children in Need (TBC) 25th – Film Night (3 – 5pm)</p>
December	January
<p>2nd – Open morning for prospective parents (9.15 – 10.15am) 8th – Red Panda and Pangolin Performance (2pm) 9th – Bumblebee Christmas Show (2pm) 14th – Penguin and Koala Performance (2pm) 15th – Carol Service at Church led by Jaguars (2pm) 16th – Non Uniform Day – School Fund 16th – Last day of term</p>	<p>3rd – INSET day 4th – Pupils return 10th – Open morning for prospective parents (11am – 12pm) 23rd – Parent Forum (2pm)</p>