

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminders and Notices

Coronavirus Update

What a difficult end of term we all had. Thank you to everyone who sent such supportive messages – we really appreciated it. Thank you to everyone who had to change plans because their children have had to self-isolate at some point over the last 3 weeks. Like our staff, I know many of you had to miss work, birthdays and other special events.

We have worked closely with Public Health England over the last 3 weeks and they were clear that what we are doing in school to minimise the virus is good. However, as staff, we have reflected on our current practice and will make a few small changes where we think it will further minimise transmission.

Please wear a face covering whenever you enter the school grounds, either inside or outside. Thank you to all of those parents/carers who have already been doing so. Pupils are welcome to bring masks into school and can wear them in communal areas but these are not compulsory.

The heating is now on in school. However, the advice is that we still keep the rooms well ventilated so it may be cold. We suggest that your child wears layers to school and brings an extra jumper/sweatshirt. Please try your best to keep to school uniform colours and do not send your pupil in with expensive clothes. Please make sure items are named, including usual uniform items – we find so many that are unnamed.

If anyone in your household is showing symptoms or having a test, the rest of the household **MUST** stay at home until the test results are received.

School remains open for pupils even though we are now in another lockdown. However, parents should not be entering the school building wherever possible. If you have any queries, please call or email the school office – do not just pop in.

New Parents Sessions – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Due to the new lockdown, we will not be able to hold our visits for new parents which is such a shame – we know that when prospective parents visit our school, they love it and your children really do make the difference. They are always so polite and positive about the school.

So, I need your help! We are going to try to very quickly put together a video that shows people a bit more about our school. We would like parents and pupils (together or separately) to record a short video to tell us what they like about the school. The video should be landscape if possible and please think carefully about the background – you might even be able to film it outside the school one day!

Videos can be emailed to the school office (admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk) or sent via WhatsApp to this number – 07517495703. Please note that this number cannot be used for any other messaging purposes.

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Children will get 10 pupil points if they or their parents record and send a message into school. Please note that videos should be sent from a Parent/Carer, not a child. Please send your messages ASAP (extra pupil points for the first few in!) and by NEXT Friday 13th November.

Depending on how many videos we receive, we may edit the content of some. We will aim to use all suitable videos in some form though.

This video will be on our website and our YouTube channel when complete – if you do not want your child to be on these, please do not send a video. We will also be recording some footage in school but will not include anyone who doesn't have permissions.

Parents Evening

Apologies that many Parents' Evenings didn't go ahead as planned. We are looking into the best way to rearrange these and will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

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.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Calendar Dates

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

November

2nd – Pupils return
13th – Children in Need – Non Uniform Day (wear something spotty!)
W/B 16th – Anti Bullying Week

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

January

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

February

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

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)

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

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

June

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

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