# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



# St. Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **School News**

#### Remembrance

We had our Remembrance Mass on Thursday at church. The children made and laid some beautiful wreaths which will remain there for Remembrance Sunday.

The children's behaviour in School Mass is excellent. We had a special visitor with us yesterday who also commented on this.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended Mass with us – we love having you there with us. We would love more parents to join us if they can.



## **Jadey Visiting**

We are really thrilled to have Jadey from Albion in the Community working with us this half term. He has led an assembly about preserving, even when faced with difficulties. He is also working with individuals, groups and classes on learning activities.

Please go to <a href="https://www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/who-we-work-with/jadeys-story">https://www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/who-we-work-with/jadeys-story</a> to find out more about Jadey's story.

## **Attendance**

Children with 100% attendance for last term received a certificate this morning (Bumblebee Class will get theirs next week.) All children with 100% attendance each half term will receive a reward. We are lucky that two local business donate their time and resources each half term. Some children will visit Alcampo Lounge for refreshments on the London Road and other children will go to the King and Queen pub for a lovely buffet! Thank you to these businesses for all of their support!

Today we talked in assembly about attendance. We told the children:

- We want children to be at school as often as possible so they can learn everything they need to
- Each half term, all the children who get 100% attendance, will get a reward
- We know that MOST children won't get 100% attendance EVERY term but they SHOULD get it MOST terms
- If you arrive at school late, you might be marked as absent this is a legal requirement
- If you have had to isolate and get a covid test, this doesn't count as absent. If you have had covid, it does. This is because you are likely only to get covid once in a school year but you could have to test lots of times. This is the law, not something we have decided as a school.

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If you think your child's attendance is wrong, please email the school office.

If a child's attendance is below 93%, parents will be invited in for a meeting to discuss how their child's attendance can improve. They may also be referred to the Attendance Officer. Fines can be issued if children are not at school. Absence from school can also be considered neglect and a referral to children's services can be made.

# **Reminders and Notices**

# **Clubs and Opportunities Outside of School**

There are some great clubs in the local area for primary age children that your child might be interested in. These tend to be more affordable and offer a variety of activities. Most of these clubs are now up and running as normal!

- For girls age 5+ Rainbows, Brownies and Guides <a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/</a> or speak to Ms Blood or Mrs Pacey
- For girls age 4+ Girls' Brigade <a href="http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-32/">http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-32/</a> or see Mrs Barnett
- For boys and girls age 6+ Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts <a href="http://scouts.org.uk/home/">http://scouts.org.uk/home/</a>
- For boys and girls age 10+ Sea Cadets <a href="https://www.sea-cadets.org/join-us">https://www.sea-cadets.org/join-us</a>
- For boys age 5+ Boys' Brigade <a href="https://boys-brigade.org.uk/">https://boys-brigade.org.uk/</a>
- For everyone, birth to adult Woodcraft Folk <a href="https://woodcraft.org.uk/">https://woodcraft.org.uk/</a>

If you know of any similar clubs that would welcome children, please let us know.

## Fun and Friends Group

Our Fun and Friends group runs every Wednesday morning for preschool children and their parents. It's an opportunity for the children and the adults to make friends and have fun! This is run by Mrs Barnett and they meet in the community room. Please enter through the front office from 8.45am.

## **Christmas Performances**

We are hoping to have Christmas Performances this year but have made some slight changes to the dates/times previously in the calendar section of the Newsletter. Bumblebee Class will be doing something special for parents and we will let you know the date as soon as we can.

Kind Regards

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Calendar Dates	
Please note that these dates are subject to change	
November	December
Ist Pupils return  15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying Week  16 <sup>th</sup> Open Session for potential Reception parents (11.00-12.00)  17 <sup>th</sup> Potential Parents Presentation (6.30)	Ist Open Session for potential Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15)  9th Red Panda and Pangolin Christmas Performance (2.00)  14th Penguin and Koala Christmas Performance (2.00)  15th School Christmas Lunch  16th Carol Service at Church led by Jaguar Class (2.00)  17th Non Uniform Day – School Fund  17th Last day of term
January	
4th INSET DAY	
5th Pupils return	
10th Open Session for potential Reception parents	
(11.00-12.00)	
24th Parent Forum (2.00)	