

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NEWS

25th September 2019

URGENT-PHOTOGRAPHS

If you ordered school photos you must complete the return form to the office by Friday 27th September in order that we can process the orders and get them to you as soon as possible. If you need another form or want to discuss this please talk to the office. Thank you.

Our Priorities

As we move through the first half term we would like to share with you our school priorities. Although we will be focussing on the following areas we are constantly seeking to improve across all areas of school.

Priorities:

1. Teaching and learning
2. Special Educational Needs and disability
3. Phonics and Reading
4. Assessments
5. Health and Wellbeing
6. Promoting our Christian Vision and Ethos

Attendance still remains high on our list of priorities because without excellent attendance children find it more difficult to reach their potential in all areas of school life. Last week attendance was 95.6% our aim is to get to over 96% every week. THE HIGHER THE BETTER!

Head Teacher Award

Every week one child from each year group will be chosen for my Head Teachers Award. They will receive a prize and certificate. Well done to the children who won last week.

Mrs Wainwright's Weekly Tour

Every week I will try to spend time in a different year group. It gives me an opportunity to see what the children and teachers are doing. It also gives me an opportunity to escape the office.

Last week I spent some time in Nursery with our youngest children. I got to read a story to a small group, make some shapes with some very clever children and even helped make a picture. I hope to spend more time in there soon.

Reminders:

- Please return your new contact sheet if you have not already.
- It is important you return the inhaler form and ensure your child has an inhaler in school.
- Car parking- please take care when bringing and collecting your children. Unfortunately some parents who walk to school including those with pushchairs and young children are having to walk on the road because of cars obstructing the path.



Coffee Morning

This year we will be raising money for MacMillan Cancer Research. On Friday 9-10am we are serving coffee and cakes in Nursery. During the day we will be selling cakes to the children. The minimum donation will be 20p. Any donations of buns and cakes would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them into school and leave them in the boxes in the main entrance. Thank you.

Play Scheme

You will receive a letter on Friday to confirm whether your child has a place on the October scheme. Please check their book bags and return the form and payment as soon as possible. We are very oversubscribed and have not been able to offer everyone a place. If you do not return the form and pay on time we will give your place to someone else.

After School Club

Watch out for the booking form which will be sent out next week.

Information about Head Lice

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, which is the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, sellotape it to a piece of light coloured paper and take it to your local pharmacy (Leeds only) who will advise you and can provide free Hedrin lotion under the Pharmacy First Minor Ailments Scheme. If you require any further advice please ask at the school office.

Great News!

From after the half term break the school will be offering a Halal lunch time option. We will be trailing this to see if it is something children chose regularly. This will become the blue lunch choice every day.

Fun Day

On Saturday 28th September, there will be a fun day at the Gurdwara on Tong Road 12-4pm. There will be bouncy castles, stalls, a tour of the Gurdwara and lots of other fun activities.

Nursery- Maria Harvey

We are having a great week in our sensory area. We have been exploring mouldable foam soap, sand mixed with flour and oil and sand mixed with shaving foam. Photos are on the website of our week in Nursery. We have been thinking about when we were babies and have spent the week bathing the dolls- bubbles galore! Please remember to bring a photo of your child when they were a baby, Thank you. Remember Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday.

Year 2- Miss Ross

This week we are investigating the suitability of materials for products in Science to begin to help understand the properties of materials and how materials are selected for specific purposes as we prepare to make our own catapult in a few weeks! In Geography we are learning about the compass points north, east, south and west to help us investigate.

Stars of the week:

Daria B

Lydia

Ayaan

Year 3- Mrs Smith

In Year 3 this week we will be working in teams to make Roman aqueducts! We will be working out how to make the water flow and how to make sure it is waterproof. We will then test them to see which carry water the best!

Stars of the week:

Nazarite

Amelia

Alina

Year 4- Mr Waters

This week, Year 4 have been looking at the power of the British Empire. In Maths, we have been learning our 9 times table and in English, we have been reading biographies.

Stars of the week:

Dragos

Conor

Liyannah

Year 5- Mr Needham

Lessons: In PSHCE, children have looked at different ways to manage feelings and created their own guide to managing feeling. In music, children are really enjoying the opportunity to rehearse and perform Bon Jovi's 'Livin on a Prayer.'

Planners: Children need to remember to have their planners signed over the weekend ready to be checked by their teachers on Monday.

Stars of the week:

Hannan

Lewis

Diana

Year 6- Mr Needham

Lessons: In RE, children have enjoyed learning about what symbols are important to Sikhs. In Science, children have investigated the different properties of blood and loved making their own soup!

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High School: The deadline for High School applications is the 31st October. Please see Mr Needham if you have any questions regarding the completion of forms online.

Stars of the week:

Abraham

Olivia

Malachi

Raza

Dates this Half Term

Friday 27th September

McMillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 10th October

Hello Yellow Day (World Mental Health Day)

Thursday 17th October

Parents Evening 2.30pm-7pm

Week Beginning 21st October Cultural week including:

Thursday 24th October

Multicultural Evening

Friday 25th October

Break up for one week

Monday 4th November

Return to school

Details of the event above will be given will be given closer to the time.

Training Days - Children not in School

Friday 15th November

Friday 6th December

Friday 13th March

Friday 12th June

Monday 20th July

School Closes for Summer Holidays on Friday 17th July and Re open on Monday 7th September.