

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 treated us to an excellent assembly recently, sharing information they had learnt about America and Martin Luther King. They also treated us to a brilliant song in two parts – well done Year 5!

The Connor Saunders Foundation

Children and staff from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended an emotional but inspiring assembly last Wednesday as well as taking part in some very useful First Aid workshops. Daz Saunders set up an amazing charity after the death of her young son, Connor Saunders, who was killed by one single punch in an unprovoked attack in Rottingdean in 2012. She was an inspiration and support to staff and pupils, encouraging them use their hands to be kind and helpful, rather than to use them for violence. As a school, we were thrilled to accept the donation of a defibrillator from the foundation and whilst we hope we never have to use it, we know we have it if the situation ever arises.



As a thank you to the foundation, we will hope to run some fundraising events, including a non-uniform day. You can find out more about the Connor Saunders Foundation on their website, www.connors5.com/home.



Children in Need

We have received a certificate to say that we raised £206.97 for Children in Need.

Thank you to Miss Beavis and all those who helped raise that money to support children across the UK.

Martlets Snailspace 2018

We received a certificate to say that we have raised £478 for the Martlets through our various snail based activities! Thanks to Miss Williams who started the project before she left and to Miss Bates who has continued with it, and well done to the current Year 3 who painted such a beautiful snail when they were in Year 2. Our snail has returned to us and we hope he will be on display in our brand new entrance, once it is complete.

School Ping

Please make sure you have signed up to SchoolPing – this is our main method of school communication. We do not have a text messaging service anymore. You can download the SchoolPing app on your phone or tablet by searching 'SchoolPing' on the Apple App Store/Google Play Store and selecting St Bartholomew's from the drop-down menu. If you do not have a compatible mobile phone, you can sign in via the website at <https://st-bartholomews-brighton-hove.secure-dbprimary.com/>.

If you have any problems with this, please see Miss Charlton in the school office. If you choose not to sign up for SchoolPing, you may miss out on essential school communication.

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Internet Use

It has come to our attention that there are a number of children who have YouTube accounts and are posting videos of themselves online. We understand why children enjoy doing this but it is very unsafe as these videos are not private – anyone can see them. Some postings have been inappropriate – it is really important that parents are aware of what their children are doing online and it is ok for you to check their devices. Please note that the age restriction for YouTube is 13 so no children at Primary School should be using it – please see <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/youtube/> for further information.

Attendance

We now have an Attendance Officer, Jackie Storey, who will be working with families who have poor attendance.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of unauthorised absences this term so far. Please can we remind you that if your child is too unwell to attend school, you must contact the school office before 10am on the day of absence. If you do not contact the school, your child's absence will be marked as 'unauthorised'. If your child has 3 or more days of 'unauthorised' absence during any six-week period, they will be referred to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Illness

Most childhood illnesses can be dealt with by over-the-counter medicine which should enable your child to attend school that same day. Children **can** come to school if they are tired, feeling generally unwell or have a headache, cold or sore throat. We will **always** contact you if your child is too unwell to be in school and needs to go home.

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they must be absent from school for 48 hours to stop any infection spreading to other children. Most children should not have multiple episodes of diarrhoea or vomiting during the school year and so if this is happening frequently, you will be invited for a meeting.

Please also be aware that if your child is absent for 3 or more consecutive days we will require medical evidence in the form of a dated prescription or 'patient summary' from your GP. GP surgeries will print out a 'patient summary' for you for free.

Medical Appointments

Medical appointments made during school-time will affect your child's attendance. All medical appointments should therefore be made outside of school time whenever possible. For any appointments that have to be made during school time, we require evidence in the form of an appointment card or letter from a medical professional.

Medical appointments generally only take up a small part of the day. If your child has a medical appointment, we expect them to come to school **before and after** the appointment or this absence will be marked as 'unauthorised'.

If your child is not here for the register at 8.55am and 1.30pm, they will be marked absent even if the reason for this absence is a medical appointment. If they are in school at these times, they will receive their registration mark.

For children who have to attend hospital appointments, we are aware that these can take much longer than general GP or nurse appointments and so this may require a morning or afternoon's absence. If this is the case, please provide the school office with your appointment letter from the hospital and we will take a copy for your child's file.

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Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P)

Triple P talks and courses offer a range of advice, support and positive parenting strategies for parents. There are a number of talks, workshops and courses coming up over the next few months that you may find helpful. For further information, please visit <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/childcare-and-family-support/parenting-team>. You can also contact the Triple P team directly via triplep.parenting@brighton-hove.gov.uk or 01273 294471.

The following workshops are running in February for parents/carers with children aged 18 months to 7 years:

- Turner Children's Centre is running a free Triple P Workshop on Saturday 2 February at 10.00-12.15pm. The subject of this workshop is **Managing Fighting and Aggression**. To book a place please call Natalie on 01273 296700.
- Hollingdean Children's Centre is running a free Triple P Workshop on Wednesday 6 February at 12.15-2.30pm. The subject of this workshop is **Bedtime Routines and Sleep Habits**. Limited crèche places. To book a place please call Natalie on 01273 296700 or Tina on 01273 296356.
- Roundabout Children's Centre is running a free Triple P Workshop on Friday 15 February at 10.00-12.15pm. The subject of this workshop is **Dealing with Disobedience**. Limited crèche places. To book a place please call Lisa or Ruth on 01273 290300.

First Aid for Babies and Children

Agnes Munday from Family Learning will be hosting a First Aid for Babies and Children course at school on Thursday 28th March, 9.15am -12.15pm. The course aims to teach parents and carers what to do in an emergency situation, including if a baby or child:

- *becomes unconscious or stops breathing*
- *gets burned*
- *is choking*
- *is bleeding heavily*
- *has an asthma attack, or suffers from an anaphylactic shock*
- *has signs of meningitis*
- *fits with febrile convulsion*
- *goes into shock*

The course costs £20 or is free to those who are unemployed or on a low income. If you are claiming a free place, you will need to bring ID and proof of benefits to show the course tutor on the day. If you are paying, you can make payment over the phone to Friends Centre in advance, or pay cash on the day. For more information or to register for a place, please contact the school office.

Zylo Performance Drama Club

Zylo Performance Drama Club runs every Monday after school until 4.15pm. They are currently offering a FREE taster session for children who may be interested in joining the club. If your child would like to attend a session, they can simply go along to the hall on a Monday after school.

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Perform Drama Workshops

Perform are offering a special £50 discount to any children from St. Bartholomew's who join their classes during January 2019, using the code JANU31-01019. Children can also attend a free trial session before committing – to book a free trial please call 0207 255 9120 or email enquiries@perform.org.uk.

Bikeability

Bikeability will be running Level 1 and Level 2 Cycle Training at Preston Park and Hove Park during the February half term. These are for children aged 9-14 years and will run from Monday 18th – Thursday 21st February 2019, 10am – 12.30pm each day.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

February - April

Friday 15th February – Last day of half term
Monday 25th February – INSET DAY
Tuesday 26th February – Pupils return to school
Wednesday 6th March, 3.45 – 6.35pm – Parent Consultations
Thursday 7th March, 3.45 – 6.45pm – Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12th March – Let's Dance at the Dome (Details TBC)
Thursday 14th March, 2.30pm – SATS Meeting for Year 2 Parents
Thursday 14th March, 6pm – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents
Friday 15th March, 9.15am – Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 15th March, 2.30pm – PTFA Meeting
Tuesday 19th March – SEN Parent Coffee Morning
Thursday 28th March, 9.15 – 12.15am – First Aid for Babies and Children course
Friday 29th March – INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd April, 2.30pm – Year 5 Parents Meeting regarding Residential
Monday 8th April – Easter Parade and Mass
Tuesday 9th April – Last day of Term
Tuesday 23rd April – INSET DAY
Wednesday 24th April – Pupils Return to school
Monday 29th April–Wednesday 1st May – Year 5 Residential