

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

Decathlon's drawing competition

A few weeks ago, Decathlon, a new sports shop in our town centre, asked us to submit entries in a bid to win up to £500 worth of sports equipment for our school. 16 of our entries have made it to the final round! We are thrilled that so many of our pupils have had some artwork selected to enter the final! They are now live on the website <https://www.decathlon.co.uk/drawing-competition-brighton.html> ready to be voted on. The winning entries will be decided upon by the highest number of votes. We hope you will take a moment to vote for entries 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (as many times as possible please). You are allowed one entry per device.

Year 3/4/5 Christmas Concert

Our Year 3/4/5 presented a fabulous concert with a great mix of song and dance. There were moments that made the audience want to sing and dance along but also moments that were moving. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work to produce this. Thank you also to all those family and friends that attended as your support really is appreciated - "solemn, subtle and sweet" was how one parent described the concert.



"I liked it because our parents could watch us." Martha, year 4

"I liked seeing year 3 because it was fun and my cousin was there." Nurjahan, year 4

"In the performance, I was nervous but I got on the stage and I was like, this is fine! I think the parents like it – my parents said, "Wow! Amazing – you were awesome!" Adam, year 4

"I liked the year 5 because they did different parts like a choir." Brooke, year 4

"When the music started, my heart started beating really fast. And also, I was really nervous because I didn't know what to expect. I had to do actions on stage. My parents thought I did really well." Ridan, year 4

"It was fun because we got to sing and I like to sing. I was scared though." Olive, year 4

It was nice seeing all the parents smiling at us." Deanna, year 4

I liked the fact that we got to sing, leave early and it wasn't just year 4!" Jamie, year 4

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Brighton Centre Concert

Once again, our children took part in the Brighton and Hove Schools' Christmas Concert at the Brighton Centre. They joined around 1500 performers to give the audience an evening of festive cheer! We give huge thanks to Miss Evans for running our choir club and making it possible for our children to be part of this.



Picture taken by Rowena Alameddine

"There were millions and millions of people! There were 44 schools there." Brooke, year 4

"The music that the band played was really good. Being in the concert was really exciting." Jack, year 6

"It was amazing. I liked how the audience were enthusiastic and cheering." Sukura, year 6

Year R/1/2 Nativity Performance

The youngest children in our school treated us to a heart-warming performance of "Little Angel", during which an angel earned her wings for being kind to others. I was certainly impressed with the confidence and bravery of our soloists – what a great performance! The children really did work hard and we also must thank all the staff who supported in the run up and during the performance. Again, we love it when you come to watch so thank you!

"I loved being the Little Angel. I really enjoyed singing and acting." Annabel, year 2

"I was expecting only to have a little part but in the end I was quite happy because it was bigger and I was glad it went really well." Edie, year 2

"I said, 'I bring frankincense.' I liked it." Keke, year 2

"One of the best I have ever seen." Leah, year 6

Christmas Family Session

Some of our pupils. Parents and staff, attended a Christmas activity morning, alongside one of the City Partnership Family Workers. They took part in craft and enjoyed refreshments together.



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Natwest Partnership

We are SO excited that Natwest are donating £10,000 to the school through their Bank on Breakfast scheme. This will enable us to temporarily reduce the price of breakfast club for all families, starting mid-January; more details of this straight after Christmas.

We will also be using the money to fund our pupils point awards, help with attendance awards and buy more equipment for the playground. After our launch assembly last Monday, each child also came home with a Natwest Goodie bag.

We are SO thrilled to be working in partnership with them and we consider ourselves very lucky to have been chosen as one of only 6 schools in the whole of the South East, to be supported in this way.

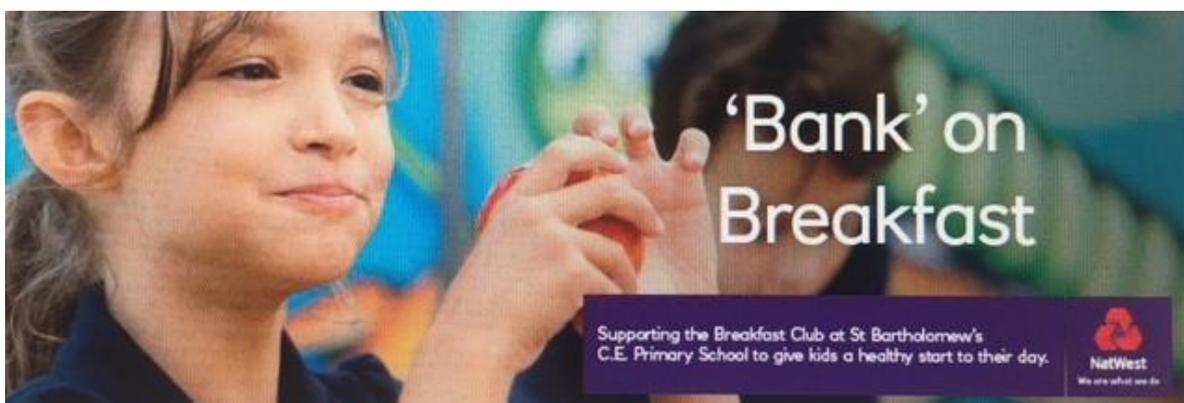
"It is going to help us make the playground better." Mohammed, year 3

"I liked the spork!" Masie-Leigh, year 2

"The school is almost rich! Everybody cheered for the school!" Millie-Beau, year 2

"I think it is kind because they could have done it to any school." Davey, year 4

"It will help us with equipment for the playground." Phoenix, year 4



Christmas Dinner

Thank you so much to our cook, Martha, and her team for our fantastic Christmas dinner on Wednesday! Thank you also to **Mr Golding** at Sainsbury's, who kindly provided us with some supplies towards our celebrations! We very much appreciated their support.

"I like the pudding, I liked the veg and I liked the meat!" Millie-Beau, year 2

"Best food ever! I could have eaten it 20 times!" Kenny, year 6

"It was SO nice, I could have eaten it all year!" Harrison, year 6

"We had a Christmas biscuit." Deanna, year 4

"It was delicious. I liked the fruit." Nurjahan, year 4

"I really loved the crackers. Someone gave me a heart charm!" Masie-Leigh, year 2

"I liked the veg best." Destiny, year 2

"I loved the Christmas crackers – I got a yo-yo!" Olivia, year 2

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PTFA Meeting

The PTFA are a charitable organisation who work together to raise money for the school. At the moment, there are only a handful of regular supporters, which limits the amount they can do. We really do need more parents to join, so we can raise even more money to spend on your children. We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 17th January at 2.30pm for anyone who is interested in finding out more. If you are interested in supporting events but cannot attend the meeting, please let the office know and we can pass your name on.

Carol Service led by Year 6

We were treated to a wonderful interpretation of the Nativity story from year 6 as our final Christmas event of the term. The narrators told the story well and the vast building was filled with singing from children, staff and parents. Year 6 seemed to very much enjoy dressing up in their costumes – thank you to all parents who assisted with this. And yet again, thanks go to the wonderful staff who assisted with this.



Staff Reverse Advent Calendar

During December, the staff have been participating in a reverse advent calendar – they have been bringing in food and toiletries for City Mission and RISE to support families who may be in need at Christmas. On Friday, Miss Evans was able to deliver a huge amount of goods to both organisations. I am really proud of the staff for making such a fabulous effort with this and thanks to Miss Evans for organising it.



Term Dates

We start back after Christmas on **Thursday 4th January**. We break up for half term on **Friday 9th February**. Please may I remind you that no holiday taken during term time can be authorised and it is likely that they will incur a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Have a peaceful break, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher