

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Awards

We gave out another set of 100% attendance certificates last week and all children have received their prizes – well done to all of those families who supported their children to achieve 100%. We really do appreciate you working with us. Today, we gave out 17 awards for improved attendance – well done to those children and families who have made a real effort to improve.

Pancakes

We were very lucky to have Father Martin and his lovely wife Sylvia making and cooking pancakes for all the children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 yesterday! As you can imagine it was a very busy morning but they worked really hard and all the children really enjoyed themselves. Thank you so much.

World Book Day

We have celebrated World Book Day this week with a range of activities that the children have enjoyed – there have been quizzes, treasure hunts and the opportunity to read new stories. We are sorry that communication wasn't clear about this in advance – we have taken this on board and will aim to do better. I know some parents were concerned that some of the classes didn't have the opportunity to dress up – I just wanted to clarify the reasons for this: Firstly, we don't want parents to go to the unnecessary expense of buying costumes – the shops seem to have really cashed in on this. Secondly, World Book Day was introduced to encourage reading and we are not sure that dressing up as a character from a well-known book, really encourages this. Thanks for your understanding with this and please do come to see me with any concerns or suggestions.

Film Night

We will be having our next Film Night on Friday 22nd March – we will be watching Transylvania Hotel 3. Tickets are £5 and include a drink, sandwich (cheese or ham), fruit, crisps and a little treat. Children will come straight to the hall after school and will need collecting from the hall door at 5.20pm. Reception pupils need a parent to stay with them. A separate letter will go out early next week with details about how to get tickets.

Non-uniform days

We have some non-uniform days coming up:

Friday 15th March – children can wear non-uniform for a £1 donation to Comic Relief.

Monday 25th March - (Connor Saunders' Birthday) children can wear blue and also donate £1 to the Connor Saunders Foundation who recently visited our older classes and donated a Defibrillator to the school so we are now Heart Safe.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is now available to buy online via:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StBartholomewsCOFPrimarySchoolBrightonBN14GP>. We **no longer sell uniform in school** and so if you would like to purchase jumpers with the school logo on, this has to be done via the link above. There is also other uniform available from the site. You do not have to buy jumpers/cardigans with the school logo on – plain grey or yellow jumpers/cardigans are also fine to wear to school. The school does receive a small profit on any item that you buy.

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Elite Dance

Elite Dance Brighton are experienced in holding fun and professional dance lessons in Ballet, Tap, Modern, Jazz and Street Dance for all ages. They provide our pupils with opportunities to express themselves creatively whilst nurturing dancers of all abilities.

Lessons are just £5.50 per lesson with a **10% discount on fees for all St. Bartholomew's school pupils**. There is also a free taster lesson for everyone!

They specialise in baby dance and provide exciting ballet and tap classes (from 3 years of age). Their highly experienced teaching staff have worked in the dance industry for many years and are ready to share their knowledge with our pupils in a fun learning environment.

Clubs outside of School

We are hoping that we will set up more clubs after school. Unfortunately, some of the clubs we have had have not been able to continue, due to lack of interest or participation. Whilst we work on this, we thought we would remind you of other local clubs you can join, which are not too expensive.

There are some great clubs in the local area for primary age children that your child might be interested in:

- For girls age 5+ - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> or speak to Ms Blood or Mrs Pacey who both run local units
- For girls age 4+ - Girls' Brigade http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it_32/ or see Mrs Barnett who runs a local group
- For boys age 6+ - Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts - <http://scouts.org.uk/home/> or see Mr Jackson who runs a local scout group.
- For boys and girls age 10+ - Sea Cadets - <https://www.sea-cadets.org/join-us>
- For boys age 5+ - Boys' Brigade <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/>
- For everyone, birth to adult – Woodcraft Folk - <https://woodcraft.org.uk/>

Toddler Group

We do have a toddler group that runs here every Wednesday from 9.15am in the community room. Please come in through the main office so that you sign in. See Mrs Barnett (Y4) for more information.

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 March/April for parents/carers with children aged 2 - 7 years (including under 8s):

Hangleton Park Children's Centre is running a free Triple P Parenting Workshop on Wednesday 27 March, 12.30-2.30pm. The subject of this workshop is **Bedtime Routines and Sleep Habits**.

Limited crèche places. To book a place please call Lin on 01273 294062 or Tina on 01273 296356.

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Tarner Children's Centre is running a free Triple P Parenting Workshop on Saturday 6 April, 10.00-12.15pm.

The subject of this workshop is **Dealing with Disobedience**.

To book a place please call Natalie on 01273 296700 or Tina on 01273 296356.

First Aid

Please remember to sign up for the Parents' First Aid Course on Thursday 28th March. There is a cost of £20 or it is free if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Application forms are available from the school office.

Calendar Dates

March - April

Tuesday 12th March – Let's Dance at the Dome

Thursday 14th March, 2.30pm – SATS Meeting for Year 2 Parents

Thursday 14th March, 6pm – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents

Friday 15th March – Non-uniform day for Comic Relief

Friday 15th March, 9.15am – Year 2 Class Assembly

Friday 15th March, 2.30pm – PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 19th March – SEN Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 22nd March, 3.20 – 5.20pm – Film Night

Monday 25th March – Non-uniform day for the Connor Saunders Foundation

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