

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Date: 05/03/18

Dear Parents and Carers,



Theoubesta, Year 5



Johnny, Year 6



Vasilios, Year 4

## Pupil Point Competition

We were able to announce the winners of our Pupil Point Logo Competition. Congratulations to Johnny, Theoubesta and Vasilios who all produced winning designs, earning themselves a £10 voucher to spend locally. All other entrants received a certificate and 10 pupil points.

Miss Charlton is now using the 3 winning designs to create a logo which will adorn the hoodie and cap the pupils receive for earning Pupil Points.

## Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the first half of the school year:

Annabel, Mo, Zinden, Archie C, Keira, Seb, Oliwier, Solomon, Jolin, Olivia H, Harmony, Charlie J, Johnny, Keke, Sukura, Ava, Leah S, Edie, Cheseray and Amiee.

They were all awarded a £5 voucher, funded through our Natwest donation.

We will be awarding prizes to ALL pupils who achieve over 98% attendance this year and further certificates for each term will be given out. It would be great if ALL children could get a 100% certificate for at least one half term this year!

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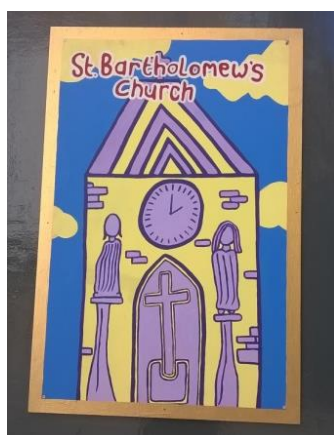
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## Pupil Artwork

Recently children in Year 4 and 5 worked with an artist to design some pictures to improve the appearance of the hoardings around a building site in Cheapside – do take a look! Last week, Mr Beggs was able to take a group of pupils to visit the site to see the artwork. Children were also able to don hard hats and hi-vis for a tour of the building site - not something that children get to see that often!



## Weather

Many apologies for the school closures that we had last week; it is never an easy decision to make and we understand that it disrupts work for many of you. Safety is paramount and we can only make a decision on the evidence and information we have. If you did not get any of our texts last week, please ensure that the office have up to date contact details for you. It is important that you let us know when your contact details change.

During the cold weather, children can bring extra layers to wear outside in the playground. The building itself is fairly warm but the playground can get very chilly.

## Parent Consultation

We also apologise for cancelling Parent Consultations last week – we know how inconvenient that can be. We have tried to transfer as much as possible to THIS week but there will be some changes. Appointment times will stay the same, unless you need to change yours – please pop into school to do so.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 4.45pm** – Year 3 – if you have an appointment BEFORE 4.45pm, Miss Charlton will be in touch to rearrange this, or please pop into the office to do so yourself.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4, Year 5 – this will take place in the Year 4 Classroom

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## World Book Day

As we were not in school last Thursday, we had to cancel our World Book Day dance workshop and children were unable to wear their costumes to school. We will now have our World Book Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

## Governors

The Governors are responsible for ensuring the effective running of the school by the Headteacher and other staff. They meet regularly in the evenings and are all volunteers. Due to the resignation of one of our fabulous parent governors, we now have two vacancies in our Governing Body. We currently require a new Parent Governor and a new Foundation Governor.

The job of the Parent Governor is to represent the views of the Parents, and a Foundation Governor represents the Christian values, within our equalities agenda. The foundation governor is not likely to be a parent at our school, but could be.

We would like to thank Lara for all her hard work as a Parent Governor, over the last few years. She has been an asset to the Governing Body, particularly when it comes to the finer details of policies. We know we can still call on her for this work if needed, as she has agreed to be an Associate Governor.

If you think this role is for you or you know anyone who would be interested, please, please get in touch with myself, so we can discuss it further. There are many of you that I **know** would be excellent at this role.

## Building News

We have just had confirmation that we have been granted planning permission for an extension to the school, to create a wonderful new entrance area, on the corner of Ann Street. This will make the school more prominent in the local community and create some much needed additional work spaces in the school. It is also hoped that there will be some minor changes to the hall and surrounding area, to make it easier to let out to the community. Once we have a copy of the final drawings, we will share them on the website. Suffice to say, there may be some disruption over the coming months/year but I am assured this will be worthwhile! We will let you know if there are any disruptions that will directly affect parents and pupils.

As a Church of England Primary School, we are lucky that the Diocesan Board of Education fund 90% of this project and they will loan us the further 10%. We do, however, need to pay the loan back and this will be a significant amount of money. If you can organise any fundraising activities in aid of the school, know any businesses that would be happy to make a donation or have any other ways that we can raise funds, please be in touch. We need your help!

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## PTFA Events

We are sorry that the film night was postponed - we will bring you more details soon.

The PTFA are planning an exciting Quiz and Curry night to take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. More details to come soon.

## Bikes and Scooters

Please remember that bikes and scooters should be parked in the bike area, even if pupils are attending Breakfast Club.

Kind Regards

*Katie Blood.*

Katie Blood  
Headteacher

## 2017-18 Calendar Dates

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.15am)  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – Easter Parade and Mass (AM)  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – INSET day  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return  
April 30<sup>th</sup> – 3-day Year 5 Residential to Windmill Hill  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Class Assembly (9.15am)  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Class Assembly (9.15am)  
May 25<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (2.15pm)  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day (2.15pm)  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception Class Assembly (9.15am)  
July 18<sup>th</sup> – Report drop in  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Leaver's Assembly (2.15pm)  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term