

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School News

### Attendance Awards



Last Monday, all pupils who achieved 100% attendance in the second half of the Autumn Term, received their attendance award. Miss Keeling and a number of staff took over 25 children to Al Campo for pink lemonade and pain au chocolat, whilst Ms Blood and a number of staff took another 25 children to the banqueting room at the King and Queen for snacks and ice cream!

The children behaved impeccably and were very appreciative of the special treatment they received! A big thank you to BOTH of these local businesses who continue to support our attendance awards by proving the treats, totally free of charge.



### Sealife Centre Trip



Bumblebees, Puffins and Koalas enjoyed a trip to the Sealife Centre on a wet and windy Tuesday last week! The children enjoyed a workshop and looking around the newly refurbished centre. Well done to all the children who behaved brilliantly and thank you to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied them there.



'It was fantastic!' – Poppy, Koalas  
'I liked the shark!' – Alexander, Bumblebees

### Primary Stars Programme

For this term, we are part of Albion in the Community's (AIC) Primary Stars Programme. This means that up until Easter, we have Carly Farrell in working with classes and groups on developing a range of skills, including PE, reading and supporting children to increase their self-esteem.

AITC is the official charity of Brighton and Hove Football Club.



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## Community Kitchen

Penguin Class have the opportunity to work with the Community Kitchen again this year and so far some of the class have visited and made omelette popovers, soup and brownies, all which smell delicious when they return to school! This is another opportunity provided completely free of charge for our pupils so a huge thanks to the Community Kitchen for providing this for our pupils.

*'It's excellent – I love it! I love it when we start to prepare the food'*  
– Farzaneh

*'I like it. They show us how to cook without hurting ourselves. The cupcakes were delicious!'* – Tamia

To see what else Community Kitchen have to offer, please go to <https://bhfood.org.uk/cookery-school/> for further information.



## Soundmakers

Soundmakers started for Pangolins Class last week so all children will begin to learn to play the guitar. This is a fabulous opportunity for all children funded by the school to fulfil elements of the National Curriculum. Please support your child by encouraging them to practise and by helping them to remember to bring their guitar to school.

## Staffing

Mr Mills is back teaching Pangolin Class - welcome back!

Miss Foster is still not well enough to return to school and Miss Rhodes will continue to teach in Puffin Class.

We often have student teachers at St Bartholomew's. Miss Shim is currently working in Koala Class. From the end of January, we will have 2 more student teachers in Penguin Class. All student teachers are closely monitored by the class teachers and the university.

## Reminders and Notices

### Starfish Club

Starfish Club runs every day after school until 6pm. They are a not for profit company, providing good quality childcare here on site at St. Bartholomew's CE Primary School. You can find further information online at <https://www.starfishkidsclub.co.uk/>.

#### 3.30pm Finish

For this year only, Starfish Club are accepting bookings for children to stay until 3.30pm for just £1. This is to support parents with the changing times of the school day. If you would like to use this service, please go to [starfishkidsclub.magicbooking.co.uk](http://starfishkidsclub.magicbooking.co.uk) to book a place

#### Sibling Club

Starfish are also now in a position to offer SIBLING CLUB to families. This is for those of you who may have one child in a school After School Club and would like their sibling to be in a club too! Children can attend SIBLING CLUB until 4pm at the cost of £2. This is only open to school age children who attend St Bartholomew's. If you are interested, please go to [starfishkidsclub.magicbooking.co.uk](http://starfishkidsclub.magicbooking.co.uk) to make a booking.

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### ParentPay

Dinner and Breakfast Club payments MUST be paid for in advance. Do not wait to pay in arrears AFTER dinner has been had. Please regularly check (once a week at least) that your ParentPay account is up to date. If you will not be able to make a payment for ANY reason, please telephone the school office and we can set up a payment plan.

Please remember that the school has to cover any debts, meaning that we have less money to spend on your child's education. The amount of admin time it takes to chase debts also costs the school and means that we have to spend a significant amount of time in the office contacting parents to ask them to pay dinner money, Breakfast Club fees and for school trips. Please help us by paying for things in advance and on time or letting us know that you need support with this.

If you are more than £10 in debt on ParentPay for School Dinners and/or Breakfast Club, you will be asked to come in for a meeting to discuss it with the Headteacher.

### Music Lessons

We do currently offer both guitar and violin lessons in school through the Brighton and Hove Music Service. If your child would be interested in this and other instrumental lessons, please go to <https://www.bhma.org.uk/tuition> for further information.

### Spring Term Calendar Dates

#### January

21<sup>st</sup> – PTFA Meeting (2.30pm)

28<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum (2.30pm)

31<sup>st</sup> – Year 5 Class Assembly (9.15 – 10am)

#### February

7<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Film Night (TBC)

7<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day

14<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Class Assembly (9.15 – 10am)

14<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term

24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

25<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

#### March

3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)

5<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 7pm)

W/B 9<sup>th</sup> – Let's Dance! (TBC)

10<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Meeting (2.30pm)

17<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum (2.30pm)

20<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.15 – 10am)

24<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Parents Meeting – PGL (2.30pm)

27<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Film Night (TBC)

27<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Parade and Mass (AM)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Last Day of Term

20<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 Residential to PGL

Kind Regards

Katie Blood  
Headteacher