

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Harvest

City Mission Assembly

Last week, the team from Brighton and Hove City Mission performed a harvest assembly for the children, telling them about what Harvest was like in the past. We love it when the City Mission team come in to tell us more about Christian stories and festivals.

"The Harvest assembly was about celebrating. It was a bit funny – it made me laugh so badly."
Igor, Red Pandas

"They showed us an act of what they did in the past years. They had big farms that grew wheat, ground flour and brought this to church at Harvest." Adam, Red Pandas



Harvest Mass

It was great to welcome Father Martin back for our Harvest Mass last week.

Thank you to all of you for bringing in all of the Harvest Contributions – there were about 20 bags full that were donated to the City Mission Foodbank. Thank you also to all of those parents who were able to join us for the service – it's always lovely to have you with us!

"There was a lot of food and some toiletries for people to share." Tinos, Red Pandas
"I saw an ark that Father Martin put paper and fire in!" Milosz, Puffins



Wood Store Visit



Penguins and Pangolins were both lucky enough to visit the Community Wood Store to find out about how recycling wood is much better for the environment than buying new. They found out about different types of wood and the uses for them. The team then showed the children some of the big machines and gave each of them a pencil pot to sand! The children (and adults) were allowed to take the



pencil pots home! The visits finished with a quiz. We are very grateful to the Wood Store for inviting us and providing us with a great experience. The children were very well behaved and a credit to the school. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on this trip – we really appreciate it.

"I liked learning about the different wood." Liam, Pangolins

"I like the machines." Leon, Pangolins

"I liked it because I learnt that different woods can be used for different things. I didn't



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know wood could be reused instead of put in landfill." Archie, Pangolins
"I learnt how wood can be recycled – I didn't know that before. I like how they recycle it so it doesn't kill the planet." Zinden, Pangolins
"I enjoyed sanding the wood because I got to do something. I liked the machines." Thomas, Penguins
"I enjoyed looking at the Victorian wood. I was surprised it was that old - it looked new!" Preston, Penguins
"I liked answering the quiz questions." Joseph, Penguins

If you need any wood, instead of buying new, consider going to the store to buy some second hand wood - <https://www.communitywoodrecycling.org.uk/stores/brighton-hove-wood-recycling-project>.

Pavilion Trip

Bumblebees, Puffins and Koalas enjoyed a fabulous visit to Brighton Royal Pavilion last week. They visited some beautiful rooms and learnt a lot to help with their topic about the history of Brighton. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on this trip.

"I liked that there is Victoria's bed. There used to be a king but he got sick so his son took his place. Then he got sick so the King's other son took his place. Then Queen Victoria took his place." Dirar, Koalas
"I liked the piano." Caiden, Koalas
"I like the bed because it looked so comfy. I wanted to jump on it!" Ida, Puffins
"I liked the ceiling because it had loads of leaves on it." Violet, Puffins

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to all our parents and carers for your support with our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We as a school raised around £140 for Macmillan. Thank you and well done to Mrs Barnett and Ms Powell for all of their hard work.



Library Visit



Jaguars took a trip to the Jubilee library this week to choose a selection of inspiring books to read. It has been really lovely to see children engrossed in books, even in the playground! The one thing we would like ALL of our children to do every day at home is to READ! It really does make a huge difference to their learning across the curriculum.



"I've never read so much in one day! The library makes me feel calm and then I can choose books that I really like." Leah, Jaguars
"I got 'Tales of Terror' to read. I liked going to the library because I felt more educated. I am going to read more." Eksane, Jaguars.

Why not visit <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/libraries/join-library> which has all the information you might need about joining the libraries in Brighton?

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Film Night



Thank you so much to the PTFA who organised Film night for us this term. Many apologies for the disaster with the film – I am still not sure what went wrong but rest assured both Miss Keeling and I had tested the DVD to check it worked! However, at least they managed to enjoy a snack and watch a film in the end!

All classes have watched Toy Story 4 this week. We hope to have another Film Night in December – if you have any requests for a child friendly Christmas Film, please let us know!

Beach Visit



The children in Bumblebees, Puffins and Koalas have visited the Fishing Museum this week and watched a Punch and Judy show! The children loved it and enjoyed finding out about the puppets. They found out more information to help them with their local history topic. Thanks again to all the volunteers that helped out and well done for excellent behaviour to all of the children.



"There was a crocodile taking Punch's sausages!" Sasha-Louise, Bumblebees

"I liked it when the man did the puppet show." Jake, Bumblebees

Parents' Evening

Thanks to all of the parents/carers that attended Parents' Evening – it really is important that you meet with the class teacher so that we can work together to support your child. If you didn't manage to attend, please contact the class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

Pangolin parents, we will be in touch after half term about Parents' Evening.

Staffing

As you know, Miss Evans is leaving us at Christmas. Although we are very sad about this, we have been able to appoint an Assistant Head for Inclusion who will start in January. Her name is Rachel Christie-Davies and she has been a SENCO in Brighton and Hove previously as well as working closely with families in other roles.

After half term, Miss Rhodes will be teaching in Puffin Class every morning, rather than just Monday – Wednesday. We are very lucky to have her with us whilst Miss Foster is still unwell. We will have another Puffin Parents Forum on Monday 11th November at 2.30pm – all Puffin parents are welcome.

Mr Mills popped into see us on Wednesday and unfortunately, he is still too unwell to be back at work. Miss Wickham has been a wonderful supply teacher – her commitment to the school has gone above and beyond that of most supply teachers and we have been very fortunate to have her. Thank you Miss Wickham. However, our new Assistant Head Mrs Christie-Davies will be teaching Pangolins after half term whilst Mr Mills is off. I know you will all make her feel very welcome. I am sorry that Pangolins have not had a very consistent start to Year 5.

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Reminders and Notices

Late Collection

Thank you to all of those parents who have adapted to the new school finish times and have arranged childcare accordingly. If you need your child to access after school care, please contact <https://www.starfishkidsclub.co.uk/> to book your child in, either until 3.30pm for £1 or until 6pm for £13.

Unfortunately, there are a few parents who have been consistently late to pick their children up after school. If this continues, your child will be sent to Starfish Club and you will be invoiced for £13 for the full session. Please be on time to pick your child up – it makes them feel safe and secure. We understand that occasionally things happen to make you late but this shouldn't be every day or every week. Thank you for your understanding.

Clubs

If you signed up for a club before half term, your membership for that club continues after half term. **Lego Club, Science Club, Cooking Club and KS2 Book Club** however were only for half a term, so they will not continue after the holidays. Unfortunately, as Mr Mills is not retuning after the holiday, we will also have to **cancel Football Club** – thank you to Mrs Paton and Mr Beggs who have both very kindly taken on football club as well as running their own clubs. After the holidays, we will refund parents for half of the Football Club sessions.

The dates were all given out with the original clubs information but we have shared them again below. Please put them in your diary – we had children who thought clubs were running through parents evening. We do try to Ping to remind you but the dates are all given out at the beginning and you are expected to make a note of the dates of any clubs that you sign your child up to.

Remaining Dates

Club	Who	When	Staff	Cost
Music Ensemble	Year 3/4/5/6	Monday (3.10-4pm) 04/11 – 09/12	Mrs Paton	£10
MultiSkills	Year R/1/2	Monday (3.10-4pm) 04/11 – 09/12	Mr Beggs	£10
Zylo Drama Club	Year 2/3/4/5/6	Monday (3.10-4.10pm) 04/11 - 16/12	External Club	£6.50 per session
Yoga	Year 3/4/5/6	Tuesday (3.10-4.10pm) 05/11 – 10/12	External Club	£1 per session
Press Gang	Year 3/4/5/6	Tuesday (3.10-4pm) 5/12/19 November 3/10 December	Miss Keeling	£10
Art	Year 3/4/5/6	Wednesday (3.10-4.10pm) 06/11 – 11/12	Miss Charlton	£25
Singing	Year 4/5/6	Wednesday (3.10-4pm) 06/11 – 11/12	Miss Evans	£10
Cooking	Year 6	Thursday (3.10-4.10pm) 05/11 – 10/12	Mrs Barnett & Ms Powell	£30
Textiles	Year 3/4	Friday (3.10-4pm) 08/11 – 13/12	Miss Banks	£15
LightHouse	Year 3/4/5/6	Friday (3.10pm-4pm) 08/11 – 06/13	Ms Blood	£10

We will also send out a letter for Spring Term Clubs in December.

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Calendar Dates

November

4th - Pupils return

6th - PTFA Meeting (2.30)

W/B 11th - Anti Bullying Week

12th - Parent Forum – Church School (2.30)

23rd - Made Fair

26th - SATS Meeting for Koala parents (2.30)

28th - SATS Meeting for Jaguar parents (5.00)

December

5th - Juniors Christmas Show

11th - Infant Nativity

13th - Non Uniform Day

13th - PTFA Film Night (TBC)

19th - Carol Service at Church led by Jaguars

20th - Last day of term

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher