

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our first newsletter of 2018 so Happy New Year!

Attendance Award

Year 3 won the trip to Al Campo for their attendance in the second half of the Autumn Term and this week went to enjoy their pastries and drinks! A good time was had by all – thoroughly well done to Year 3.



"It was good. The hot chocolate had marshmallows in!" – Shylah

"It was amazingly nice to be there again. It is a beautiful place to be." – Aimee-Leigh

"I liked it because we got to chill out and play games." – Cheseray

"When we got there, we were offered delicious pink lemonade and hot chocolate and played fun games." – Zinden

Year 6 came a very close second and were rewarded with some very delicious doughnuts and they will be aiming to win the next trip to Al Campo.

"On special occasions, doughnuts are delicious." – Frankie

"It was a good prize for second place!" – Leah

Toddler Group

Our school toddler group takes place on a Thursday morning from 9am in the community room. All parents with pre-school age children are welcome to come to join in the fun! Just turn up or see Helen Barnett who works in year 1 for more information.

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Breakfast Club

All children were sent home with a letter about changes to Breakfast Club last week. As a result of our funding from Natwest, we are able to offer Breakfast Club at a reduced rate of 70p per day until the end of July 2018. Places for Breakfast Club will now need to be **booked in advance**. Please ensure that if you need to book your child in to breakfast club, you have returned a booking form. If your child doesn't use breakfast club regularly, but occasionally attends, places must still be booked by contacting the school office, at least 24 hours in advance. If the club is full, your child will not be able to attend.

After School Clubs

All of our current after school clubs are now run by external club providers and need to be booked and paid for **directly** with the club providers. The after school clubs we currently offer are:

Zylo Performance Club (Mondays until 4.30pm, Years 2-6, £6.50/session)

Drama club offering a mix of skill building workshops and performance preparation designed to build confidence and promote creativity. Book online at <https://user.zyloperformance.co.uk/apply>.

Sussex Cricket Club (Tuesdays until 4.30pm, Years 1-4, £3.50/session)

Cricket games and fundamental skills for children. Book online at <http://sussexcricket.co.uk/kids-cricket-0>.

Little Green Pig Writing Club (Thursdays until 5pm, Years 3-6, **free**)

This **free** club is suitable for children of all abilities and is a fantastic opportunity to work the professional writers and artists. Each week, the group will try out different kinds of writing – from comic book making to writing and filming scripts! The club is currently full but if your child is interested in joining the waiting list, please collect a sign-up sheet from the school office.

B.A. Dance Academy (Start date to be confirmed)

B.A. Dance Academy began last term and took place on a Wednesday until 4.30pm. The instructor that we had last term has unfortunately left her position and so B.A. Dance are looking for a new instructor to lead the club. Once they have found a new instructor, we will be in touch with the details.

SAMA Karate club is **no longer running** as there were not enough children signed up to the club.

Watch this space for possible news about Film Making, Kick Boxing, cookery and music clubs. Most clubs charge a small fee but please make an appointment to see me if there are financial constraints and your child would like to attend a club.

There are also 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
- For girls age 4+ - Girls' Brigade <http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-32/> or see Mrs Barnett
- For boys age 6+ - Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts - <http://scouts.org.uk/home/>
- 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/>

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Maker Club

Maker Club is a digital technology club based on the London Road. If your child is interested in attending and is or has been in receipt of free school meals, we may be able to get them a free space, so please see your classteacher once you have looked at the details on the website - <https://makerclub.org/clubs/brighton/>.

BCPfe Family Store

The BCPfe Family Store was very well used over the Christmas period by families from our partnership of schools and therefore stock is running low. If you have any donations of unwanted Christmas gifts or other items they would be very welcome. Specifically, good quality, clean bedding and winter coats, books and games are always useful. Please drop all donations to the BCPfe Family Support Service at the blue flats opposite Oasis clothes shop on Middle Street- ring the buzzer or call 01273 291 478.

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.

Calendar Dates

At the end of this newsletter is a list of our 2017-18 calendar dates. We know that having dates in advance can be more useful for parents, especially if you work. Although we cannot guarantee that these dates won't change, we will do our best to stick to these.

Kind Regards

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2017-18 Calendar Dates

- February 2nd – Year 4 Class Assembly (9.15am)
- February 9th – Last day of half term
- February 19th – Pupils return
- February 28th – Parent Consultations (3.45pm – 7.00pm)
- March 1st – Parent Consultations (3.45pm – 6.35pm)
- March 9th – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.15am)
- March 29th – Easter Parade and Mass (AM)
- March 29th – Last day of term
- April 12th and 13th – INSET day
- April 16th – Pupils return
- April 30th – 3-day Year 5 Residential to Windmill Hill
- May 4th – Year 3 Class Assembly (9.15am)
- May 18th – Year 1 Class Assembly (9.15am)
- May 25th – Last day of half term
- June 13th – Sports Day (2.15pm)
- June 14th – Reserve Sports Day (2.15pm)
- June 22nd – Reception Class Assembly (9.15am)
- July 18th – Report drop in
- July 23rd – Leaver's Assembly (2.15pm)
- July 24th – Last day of term