

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Infant Puppet Show

Last week, we were lucky enough to have a free Puppet Play from Flock Theatre. They performed a fantastic show called *The Tiger in the Garden*, which the children absolutely adored! They were excited and spellbound and it was wonderful to see them watching a live performance again. A huge thank you to Flock Theatre for providing this opportunity for free. Check out their website for other community opportunities -

<https://www.flocktheatremakers.com/>



'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

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Church School

News

The church are interviewing for a new Director of Music this week and some of our children will be involved. Once someone is appointed, it is hoped they will be working with our children as part of their role.

Bible Verse

*"Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take **courage** and do it."* Ezra 10:4

Reminders and Notices

Inappropriate Viewing

Yet again, we have children of all ages telling us they are watching inappropriate content on the TV or their devices. I cannot emphasise the irreparable damage that this can do to children. Some children tell us they watch it secretly and others tell us they watch them with parent permission. Unfortunately, if your child watches something inappropriate, they often share (and sometimes act out) content with other children, and this is unacceptable.

All children in primary school should only EVER use YouTube Kids – this way they cannot access any inappropriate content. Likewise, apps like Netflix also can also be set up with accounts that limit content for different ages. It's also important that children do not watch anything without parental permission – you need to know what they are watching.

As we have said before, allowing your children to watch inappropriate content could lead to a referral to Social Services as it can be classed as neglect.

I know some children will dress up for Halloween – please consider whether it is appropriate for child to dress up as a character from an age inappropriate film.

Thank you to all of those parents who continue to make sensible decisions around their child's use of technology, including what they watch for entertainment.

Harvest Festival

On Thursday 21st October, we will be holding our Harvest Festival in the church at 9.10am and we would love parents to join us again. This will be for children from Koala, Red Panda, Penguin, Pangolin and Jaguar classes. Please meet your child's class in the entrance hall and accompany them down to church.

If you DO NOT want your child to attend church for Religious reasons, you MUST let us know. This should be done in writing and will be sent to the Governors.

Please bring a food donation to our Harvest Festival if you can. All donations will be shared between our own foodbank and City Mission. We would welcome pasta, cereal bars, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, long life milk, juice cartons, squash, crisps, pre-packaged and long life bakery products (croissants, brioche, muffins, cakes, flapjacks etc.), biscuits, pasta sauces, rice, curry sauce, instant noodle pots, instant porridge pots, cereal, bottles of water, tea bags, tinned pasta, tinned beans, custard, rice puddings, packet deserts.

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Please remember that if you need food, you can contact us and we can provide you with items from the foodbank. We can also refer you to the City Mission foodbank for regular support.

Walk to School Week

Later in the month, pupils across Brighton and Hove are encouraged to come to school in an 'active way' for one week. The week we have chosen is the final week of this half term: Monday 18th October – Friday 22nd October.

Despite the name of the week, pupils are not restricted to just walking to school. If pupils prefer, and have permission from home, they can also scoot, skate or cycle to school (as long as they wear a helmet). The aim of the week is simply to encourage pupils to be even more active and to make even healthier lifestyle choices.

For those pupils who, because of the distance they live from school, cannot walk from home, they can still participate by getting the bus and walking from their stop. Those who are really keen might even get off a stop earlier, so they walk that little bit further, if parents and carers have allowed this. Those who travel by car can take part by getting dropped off a little further than usual from school and walking the rest of the way.

All pupils who come to school in an active way for **all 5 of the days** will be entered into a **special draw**. Each class will receive two book vouchers and two cycling goody bags. Names of all active participants will be picked from a hat, by their class teacher.

We hope that your child will be able to participate in this event and we wish them the best of luck in the prize draw!

Parents Evening

Parent Consultation Evening will be on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st of October. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher about how they are getting on this year. It is really important that all parents attend. You will be able to book through School Ping next week.

Community Poetry

You will shortly receive some poetry postcards for you to complete. They are part of a Community Poetry project just for our area, where poet Beth Calverly will create a poem that weaves together our thoughts, feelings and experiences of the London Road area, celebrating our connection to local outdoor places and our 'green spirit'.

Our families are invited to complete their poetry postcards and then pop them back to the box in the school entrance or in the poetry postbox at Al Campo. All ideas will then be incorporated into the community poem.

Permissions

Through SchoolPing, you have received a request to update permissions for your child. It's really important that you complete this as soon as possible – it should be quick and easy!

It's important also that we have IN WRITING (email or a hand written note) if your child needs any special allowances made, such as they can't do PE or they can't use the hand sanitiser. Please also explain the reason why.

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Punctuality

We have noticed an increase in children arriving late to school. Please can we remind you that you are required to make sure that your child arrives at school before registration at 8.55am. We have a 'soft start' to the school day, which means that children can go in to their classrooms from 8.45am to settle in.

Arriving late to school, even by just a few minutes, can have a real impact on your child's learning and on the rest of their day. Being late to class means they can miss out on important instructions, find it harder to settle and it can be disruptive for the rest of their class. These minutes add up, too - for instance, being 15 minutes late every day would mean losing two whole weeks of learning by the end of the school year.

If we notice that your child is regularly arriving late to school, we will invite you in for a meeting to discuss this further.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

October	November
1 st – 31 st Black History Month 18 th – 22 nd Walk to School Week 19 th Open Session for potential Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 19 th Parents Consultation Evening (3.30 – 5.30) 21 st Harvest Celebration (9.15) 21 st Parents Consultation Evening (3.30 – 7.00) 22 nd Non Uniform Day – WWF 22 nd Last day of half term	1 st Pupils return 15 th – 19 th Anti Bullying Week 16 th Open Session for potential Reception parents (11.00-12.00) 17 th Potential Parents Presentation (6.30)
December	January
1 st Open Session for potential Reception parents (9.15 – 10.15) 9 th Red Panda and Pangolin Christmas Performance (9.15) 14 th Bumble Bee, Penguin and Koala Christmas Performance (9.30 and (1.30) 16 th Carol Service at Church led by Jaguar Class (2.00) 17 th Non Uniform Day – School Fund 17 th Last day of term	4 th INSET DAY 5 th Pupils return 10 th Open Session for potential Reception parents (11.00-12.00) 24 th Parent Forum (2.00)