

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Yoga Workshop

Jaguar Class enjoyed a wonderful Yoga Workshop from Mindful Warriors to support them with techniques to relax and chill out, away from screens and the other busy influences of daily life. This was facilitated by an organisation by Fresh Youth Perspectives – thank you so much to them for this wonderful opportunity. The anonymous feedback given was overwhelmingly positive.

"It's calming and after you could fall asleep."

"It was very calm and peaceful. It was quite relaxing. It was a different thing to me because I am active. I do not relax so it was good."

"I liked that I could stretch myself and I liked balancing. I liked doing something different."



Music Workshop

On Friday, children (and staff!) in Jaguars, Pangolins, Penguins and Red Pandas took part in a wonderful music workshop with professional opera singer, Andrew Rees. It was great fun; the children learnt a lot and we were singing some quite difficult harmonies by the end of the morning.



Although some children may have been a little apprehensive at first, we noticed that many were **COURAGEOUS** and were joining in fully by the end of the morning.

We were also lucky enough to hear Andrew perform a wonderful song in Welsh to us – the children fell silent and were mesmerised by his lovely voice.

Puffins and Koalas came to be our audience at the end of the morning and were impressed with what we had learnt.

We are very grateful to **Father Martin Morgan** for organising this for us and for securing the funds to pay for it – our children are very lucky to have had this experience. Also, thank you to all the staff who joined in so enthusiastically – Andrew was very impressed with their participation.



"Just a quick thank you for letting me loose on your kids on Friday and for looking after me! I was most impressed by their reaction and although there might have been one or two that were a little reluctant to give themselves, they didn't impact on the others. St. Bart's has such a lovely feeling and everyone was so friendly." Andrew Rees

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Puffin Multi Skills Trip

Puffin Class had a wonderful trip on the bus to go to an inter-school Multi Skills event organised by the BCPFE (Brighton City Partnership for Education). The children had a brilliant time participating in a range of exciting activities. Thank you to Miss Evans and Miss Rhodes for organising the trip and to all the staff and volunteers that helped out.



Bumblebee, Puffins and Koalas Library Visit

The infant classes enjoyed ANOTHER trip out last week and headed off to the Jubilee Library to look at and choose some exciting books to read. Thank you to all the staff who have organised these trips for these classes and at very little cost overall!

Staffing

Miss Rhodes is now teaching in Puffin Class every morning. We are very lucky to have her with us whilst Miss Foster is still unwell.

Mr Mills is still unwell and is unlikely to be back before the beginning of December. Our new Assistant Head, Mrs Christie-Davies, is currently teaching Pangolins. If you have any concerns, do please make an appointment to see her.

Reminders and Notices

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Made Fair

This **Saturday 23rd November**, the Church is hosting The Made Fair and, as in previous years, we will be serving refreshments in the hall – yummy cakes and fresh coffee, as well as tea and soft drinks. We will also have a small selection of other stalls selling crafts and other items. Please do pop in between 11am and 3pm to enjoy some refreshments with us.

If you can donate any baked goods that we can sell, we would be VERY grateful. If you can give up an hour or so to help out, please pop into the school office and we will book you in. We had some great help from parents last year – it really made a difference.

Raffle

We are very excited that we will be having a Grand Raffle again this year and children will be coming home with tickets to sell, very soon. The draw will take place on **Tuesday 17th December** and we already have some great prizes:

- £50 Cash
- £20 Infinity Foods voucher
- Voucher for 4 to play Globalls at the Marina
- Fato A Mano voucher
- Backwood Café voucher
- Drinks Hampers donated by Mr and Mrs Foster

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We need your help in 3 ways:

- Contact local business to donate quality prizes – Miss Charlton can provide you with a letter if you need one. Or perhaps you run a business and can provide a voucher. These need to be in school by **Wednesday 11th December**.
- Donate a prize for Christmas Hampers, such as a box of biscuits, a Christmas pudding, cranberry sauce, soft drinks, chocolates or anything else that you think would be good in a Christmas Hamper! Please bring these to school **THIS WEEK**.
- Sell as many tickets as you can! And if you can't sell any, PLEASE bring your ticket books back to school so that someone else can sell them. If you can sell more, please collect additional books from the school office.

Shows

All children will participate in a Christmas performance this year.

Thursday 5th December, 2pm – Red Pandas, Penguins and Pangolins will put on a festive show in the afternoon that all parents/carers are invited to watch!

Wednesday 11th December, 2pm – Puffins, Koalas and Bumblebees will share a Christmas performance for all parents/carers.

The dates have been in previous newsletters but get them in your diary now! Tickets will be available through the school office (no cost) from **Monday 25th November**. It is important that everyone has a ticket due to fire regulations but there are (currently) no limits to the amount of tickets available for each family.

Children's Event

After school on Friday 13th December, there will be some kind of Christmas event for children – we are still working on the finer details of this but again, if you think your child would like to join us, pop the date in your diary now.

Christmas Dinner

School Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 18th December. If your child would like to have Christmas dinner, they just need to order in class on the morning. If your child does not usually have school dinners but would like to have a Christmas dinner, please let the office know by **4th December** so we can give the school cook an idea of how many extra dinners she will need to prepare! Please also ensure there is sufficient money in your ParentPay account if your child would like a school dinner on this day.

Carol Service

Children in Jaguar Class will be leading the Carol Service on **Thursday 19th December at 2pm**. All parents/carers are invited and very welcome to join us in this community celebration of the Christmas Story.

Calendar Dates

November

23rd - Made Fair

26th - SATS Meeting for Koala parents (2.30)

28th - SATS Meeting for Jaguar parents (5.00) THIS DATE IS LIKELY TO CHANGE – MANY APOLOGIES

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December

- 5th - Juniors Christmas Show
- 11th - Infant Nativity
- 13th - Non Uniform Day
- 13th - Christmas Event for Pupils
- 19th - Carol Service at Church led by Jaguars
- 20th - Last day of term

Kind Regards

Katie Blood.

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Headteacher