

# St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School News

### Attendance

Attendance continues to be a concern at St. Bartholomew's CE Primary School – thank you to all parents and carers who make sure their pupils are in school on time every day and are accessing as much learning as they can.

Currently, we have 22 pupils who are either now either already classed as a persistent absentee or who are at risk of becoming one. Persistent absentees are pupils who have attendance of less than 90% - this means they are missing, on average, at least a day a fortnight. That's a lot of learning to miss and is not acceptable. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day to ensure that they make good progress in their learning.

Holidays are not allowed in term time. All holidays that are taken will result in the family being issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice which has to be paid within 28 days. If this is not paid, the fine doubles. If it is still not paid, it is likely to go to court and parents may get a criminal record.

### Parents Forum

At the recent Parent Forum, we discussed Home Learning. We discussed what homework worked well for families and schools, the advantages and disadvantages to having homework and rewards and sanctions around homework. It was an informative discussion and gave us some good points to think about when devising our new homework policy, which we hope will be ready for September.

Our next parents Forum will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and we will be discussing how to involve you as parents in the life of the school. Please come to the school office, ready to start at 2.30pm.

### Pangolin Class Assembly

On 31<sup>st</sup> January, we were treated to an excellent class assembly from Pangolin Class. They told us all about how to keep our minds and bodies healthy in a variety of ways. There were some great demonstrations of movements and exercises we could all do to keep healthy.

At the end, they performed an excellent rap they had written, all about ways to keep healthy. =There were a lot of words and they remembered them really well.

*'When we started singing I was nervous but excited. I had a feeling inside to keep on singing!' – Aimee-Leigh*

Well done to Pangolin Class, Mr Mills and all the staff who were involved in putting this together - our first class assembly of the year!

### Penguin Class Visit to the Community Kitchen

After waiting patiently for 3 weeks, the second half of Penguin Class have begun their visits to the Community Kitchen! They have one final visit this Friday.

We are very lucky that this opportunity has been provided at no cost to our pupils – we would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Community Kitchen for securing funding for this. Please visit their website - <https://bhfood.org.uk/cookery-school/> - for more information about other services that they provide. Thank you also to all the staff who have made this happen.

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## Writing Workshop

Some pupils from Jaguar Class were able to take part in a writing workshop with children from Elm Grove Primary School. This was a great opportunity for pupils to meet children from other schools and to share fresh ideas from new people.

Thank you to Miss Keeling for organising this opportunity and I am sure the children will look forward to the next one this week.

## Staffing

Miss Rhodes, our long term supply in Puffin Class, will be on a contract with us from after half term so she should be with us until the end of the summer term.

## Church School

### Christian Values

Our Christian Values support us to make the right decisions and guide us to choose the right behaviour. We don't always get it right but we always try.

Aspirational

Compassionate

Courageous

Disciplined

Honest

Positive

This half term, we have been focussing on the word **Courageous** and finding out about the ways that other people have been courageous. Hopefully, we have all learnt a little more about how to have courage and will be better people for it.

### Bible Verse

I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me. Psalms 16:8 GNB

## Reminders and Notices

### School Clubs

Thanks to everyone who signed up to school clubs through ParentPay. There are still spaces at the following clubs for the next half term:

**Samba Band Club**

**Cooking Club (for Year 5 and 6)**

**Parade Art Club**

Log on to ParentPay to book your child a place!

### Non Uniform Day

It is a non-uniform day next Friday, 14th February. Clothing and footwear still need to be appropriate for school and the usual activities. This time, the money raised will go to Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and WIRES – Wildlife Rescue and Education Service in New South Wales.

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### Barty Bake Off

We would like you to bake an Australian cake or a cake inspired by an Australian animal for our Barty Bake Off on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The winning cakes will be judged on being able to make us smile as well as the taste of the cake or cakes!

We will announce the winners and sell the cakes in the hall on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** from 3pm. The profits will go to Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and WIRES – Wildlife Rescue and Education Service in New South Wales, who have been inundated with poorly animals during the Australian Bush Fires.

Please do try to bake a cake and pop into the hall after school to buy something. Please note that Samba Band Club will take place in Jaguar Class on 14<sup>th</sup> February, rather than the hall.

### World Book Week

During the week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we will be having World Book Week. Class teachers will plan some activities to encourage pupils to read more and introduce them to new books. We are hoping that ALL classes will visit the library during the week too.

World Book Day itself is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This year, we will be asking children to decorate or dress a potato as a book character! These will need to be made and created at home and brought into school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. Any potato will do and decorating in anyway would be fabulous. It would be useful if your child could bring a label to go with their potato that gives their name, the name of the character and the name of the book they are from. Please ensure that the character is from a BOOK your child has read, not from a film they have seen if they haven't read the original book.

It would be fabulous to meet some NEW "potato" characters from books that other children haven't read – this way, World Book Day really will promote reading.

### Local Opportunities

#### Brighton and Hove Unemployed Centre Families Project

The Brighton and Hove Unemployed Centre Families Project has been running for nearly 40 years and has been supporting families with low incomes in many ways over that time. The centre is open Tuesday – Friday from 10am – 4pm and more information can be found at <https://bucfp.org/>. They can give help and support around benefits, provide childcare for parents who are using the centre, provide a low cost vegan meal every day at 1pm (£1.50 for a large meal, 60p for a small), food education, computer support and a wide range of affordable or free courses.

Please do have a look at their website and pop in to see them one day - they are at 6 Tilbury Place, BN2 0GY.

### Clubs Outside of School

There are some great clubs in the local area for primary age children that your child might be interested in. These tend to be more affordable and offer a variety of activities.

- 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/](http://www.girlsb.org.uk/be-part-of-it-_32/) or see Mrs Barnett

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- For boys and girls 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/>

## Spring Term Calendar Dates

### February

14<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day & Barty Bake Off

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)

5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

9<sup>th</sup> – Let's Dance at Brighton Dome

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*

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