



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Term 1 2019/20

News in School

18th October 2019

As we arrive at the end of a busy first half of the Autumn term, it is a time to take stock and reflect on all the learning that has taken place over the last seven weeks. It feels like our twelve new Reception children have been with us forever, judging how well they have settled into school life; they really are a pleasure to have in school.

All classes are producing fantastic examples of learning and the children are really engaged. Thank you for all your support with this. Our Reception Welcome service was very well received and it is always a lovely sight to see the children begin their learning journey with us. We hope that the next seven years are both successful and enjoyable. Likewise, our Harvest Festival at St. Bartholomew's church was packed and the children sang beautifully and spoke with both volume and clarity. I am always proud of the opportunities that we give to children of all ages and would like to thank the staff and carers for fostering such confidence and independence in our youngsters. All the produce which was generously donated has gone to Agape food bank in Spalding to support those who need a helping hand. This was followed up with a visit from representatives from the foodbank into school to talk about what happens to the food, why it is needed and to give the children the opportunity to help bag up various food items for delivery. This was a great example of the school working with our local community.

Willow class have visited Fineshades and had a great time, learning about how the outdoors can support learning. Oak class had a Hindu visitor to enhance their knowledge and understanding of this faith.

This week is our 'Safety Week'. Palm and Apple class have been to the fire station to learn all about the work of fire fighters and how important it is to be safe around fire. They have also had a visit from GIST to learn about road safety and from PC Pullen to listen about how the police help to keep us safe (and explore his police car). Oak class have been busy learning all about electrical safety and Willow have furthered their understanding about keeping safe on the internet.

We look forward to the next half-term (can you believe it will be the run up to Christmas already?).

Class Twitter Page

Please look at the school's Twitter and class pages on the website (www.stbartholomews.lincs.co.uk) which showcases the children's learning in and out of school, alternatively follow your class page via Twitter. Please feel free to leave a comment!

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Bag2School

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. We recently sent home a bag for you to fill with unwanted textiles, however you can use any other bag to donate your items. Bag2School will be collecting our donations from the bike shed on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 9am.

Battery Collection

Remember to send in your used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D) for recycling. There is a battery collection box in the main entrance.

Pen Recycling

Remember to send in your old pens, felt pens and markers for recycling. There is a recycling box in the main entrance. All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) are accepted. We cannot accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects.

Class News

Apple Class

Apple Class have had a fabulous first term in school! The Reception children have settled in well and the Year 1 children have done a fabulous job of looking after their new friends.



The Reception children have been learning their single sounds and they are doing really well so far! Please keep practising the sounds at home, as this really does help your child to retain the sounds they have been taught.

This term the children have learnt about people who help us in the community, as well as discovering a lot about each other. We have visited Spalding fire station, had a visit from Molsom's opticians, a visit from Gist and a visit from PC Pullen! Thank you to all of our visitors for helping us with our topic.



Palm Class

What a term we have had in Palm Class. We have loved our topic 'The Great Fire of London'. We have written character descriptions, diary entries, explored different materials in Science and as a class we created our own comic strips that retold the story of Toby and the Great Fire of London. The culmination of our topic was our visit to Spalding Fire Station as part of our learning and Safety Week. We went in the Fire Engine, toured the Fire Station and used the hose. It was amazing!



On Tuesday 8th October we welcomed Audrey and Irene from AGAPE Foodbank into school. Apple Class, Palm Class and Willow Class worked together to pack food parcels using the Harvest donations for people that are less fortunate than ourselves. It was the first time AGAPE had ever done this with a school before so it was a truly wonderful occasion. The children demonstrated such wonderful teamwork skills and Willow Class were particularly wonderful with the younger children, supporting them with date ordering the food and categorising produce. This was a wonderful example of how the children here at St Bart's are making a difference and supporting our local community.



Oak Class

On Wednesday the 18th September 2019, Oak class travelled back in time to become evacuees. We arrived at Stibbington train station, ready to be placed with our new families. We walked through the village learning where everyone was going to be. When we arrived at the Stibbington Centre, we filled out our identity cards. This was very important!



Next, we spent a bit of time in the classroom. We could hear the planes overhead and then the air raid siren went off! We all had to scramble to the air raid shelter. It was very scary! We practised putting on and taking off our gas masks.

At the end of the day we returned to 2019. We were glad that we had survived the war!

On the 8th October, Oak class had a very special visitor called Sunita. Sunita spent the day teaching us all about what being a Hindu person means. We experienced listening to an interactive story about Rama and Sita and the reason for celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights.



Oak class also experienced Indian dancing and were absolutely fantastic! The children followed the instructions brilliantly and the dancing was a huge success. The children even got to dress up in traditional dress including jewellery!



Willow Class

Willow Class enjoyed a trip to Fineshade Woods where we used the natural environment to develop our English and Maths skills. We followed compass points and identified objects in our way before using adjectives to describe what we could see, hear, smell, feel and taste. We especially appreciated drinking hot chocolate around the camp fire.

This term Willow Class visited one of the first Victorian schools to be built in Stibbington. The children dressed as Victorians and took on the parts of real Victorian children, who lived in the village and attended the school. The children were fascinated by a range of Victorian artefacts and got to walk around the village and discover more about their Victorian ancestors before experiencing at first-hand what it was like to learn in a 'real' Victorian Classroom. Fortunately, Willow Classes' behaviour was impeccable as always and Miss Flack (the Victorian Teacher) did not need to use her cane!



Community

The Six House Bank Speed Awareness Group have succeeded in winning the long-running battle to cut the 40mph speed limit to 30mph on a section of Six House Bank and Northgate.



Secondary School Applications

The closing date for secondary school applications is Thursday 31st October 2019. Applications can be made online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Flu Vaccinations

If you wish your child to receive their annual flu vaccination, please click on the following link to complete the online consent form <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/>. You will need to enter the school code: EE120551. The vaccination date is 31st October 2019.

Film Club

Aladdin is the next big film to be screened at film club on Wednesday 30th October. Please remember to return your reply slips back in good time to ensure that we can provide adequate refreshments (30p each). Many thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 2

- KS1 Football (Tuesdays)
- KS2 Craft & Gardening (Wednesdays)
- KS2 Football (Wednesdays)
- Yr 1-6 Taekwondo (Fridays)

PTFA

- 29.11.19 Non Uniform Day
- 29.11.19 Decorate hall (help required)
- 3.12.19 Refreshments at Christmas Performance
- 6.12.19 Christmas fair (help required)
- 13.12.19 Disco (help required)

Up and Coming Events

- 29.10.19 Beginning of Term 2
- 31.10.19 Secondary School Applications Close
- 31.10.19 Flu Vaccinations
- 15.11.19 Children In Need Day (PJ's/Onesies)
- 6.11.19 Bag2School collection
- 25-28.11.19 Year R—Balanceability
- 26.11.19 Willow Class—Christmas Unwrapped
- 29.11.19 Year 1—Learn to Ride
- 3.12.19 EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance 6pm
- 5.12.19 EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm
- 10.12.19 Whole School Panto trip
- 11.12.19 Carol Service in Church 6pm
- 16.12.19 Whole School Christmas lunch
- 19.12.19 Christingle Service in Church 9.30 am
- 19.12.19 Class Christmas parties
- 19.12.19 End of Term 2

Governor Information

Miss Charlotte Christian has unfortunately resigned from the governing body because of personal reasons and therefore, the school has a vacancy for a parent governor. Please watch out for further information regarding this after half-term. The governor's meet 6 times a year (once every half-term), visit school to assess progress against the SDP (School Development Plan) milestones, monitor school finance and ensure that the headteacher is both supported and held to account for the education experience and outcomes of the children.

Please help the office out!

Please ensure that you check your emails, text messages and book bags daily for correspondence sent home from school and remember that school letters are also available on the school website. Please ensure that all reply slips and payments are returned to school in your child's named plastic zip wallet. If you have lost the original wallet please contact the office for a replacement. Also loose change cannot be accepted at the office, please ensure when paying monies directly to the office it is sealed in a named envelope.

Headlice

Please take the time over the holiday to check your child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary. A whole school 'attack' on this common nuisance can be very effective when carried out over a school holiday. We have had a number of instances of headlice reported to us in school but, unfortunately, we have to rely on parent vigilance and commitment to checking for and treating headlice in order for outbreaks in school to be reduced. Please help us to reduce outbreaks of this common nuisance in school by checking your child's hair weekly and treating if required.

Hot Lunches: Menus for next term's lunch orders are available to access via the Farm Kitchen website (www.hotschoolmeals.com). Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers must order meals directly from Farm Kitchen to take up the universal infant free school meal offer. The order **deadline for term 2 week 1 is 3pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2019**. (If you haven't ordered meals by this date, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch.) If parents ensure their email address is on their hot meal account and 'opt in' then ordering reminders will be received. Please be aware that the meals delivered are the number that are ordered, therefore there are no spare meals available.



COOL KIDS CLUB continue to provide before and after school care. Please contact them directly on 07944 289030 if you would like to use the service or visit the school website and complete the booking form.



Cool Milk: Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>.

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 29th October 2019

Please remember to label all of your child's possessions. We have already collected a lot of unnamed lost property which we are unable to return to its rightful owner. Please remember to send your child with full named PE kit.

Private Music Tuition

Violin, keyboard, recorder, and piano lessons will continue next term. Please contact the office if you are interested in finding out more about these lessons.



WINTER IS COMING

As the temperatures drop to the seasonal norms please ensure that your child has a jumper/cardigan for indoors and a coat so that they are suitably attired for outdoor play.

In the event of extreme weather we will always endeavour to keep the school open. In the event that this is not possible we will ensure that this decision is published on the school website and the LCC snow watch website by 7.30am. In addition a text message will be sent to all parents/carers.



Term Dates 2019-20

Term 2 — Tuesday 29th Oct — Thursday 19th Dec 2019
Term 3 — Monday 6th Jan — Thursday 13th Feb 2020
Term 4 — Monday 24th Feb — Thursday 2nd April 2020
Term 5 — Monday 20th April — Friday 22nd May 2020
Term 6 — Monday 1st June — Tuesday 21st July 2020

Best wishes

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Mr Shawley
Head Teacher