



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School Palm Class Class Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*"Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow." Albert Einstein*

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both new and returning children back into Palm Class as we open our doors once again to you all for this exciting, new academic year. I cannot wait to get to know the children and work closely with you all to ensure that your children make progress, enjoy their time at school and regain their love of learning so that they can achieve their full potential in our nurturing classroom environment.

### Meet the Palm Class Team



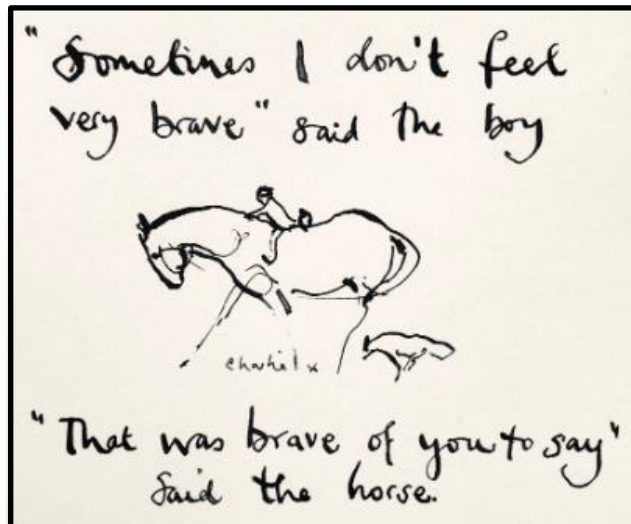
The team in Palm Class comprises of Miss Cox (Class Teacher), Mrs Szydlowski (1:1 Teaching Assistant), Mrs Morris (1:1 Teaching Assistant). The children will also be working with Mrs Thorley (Teaching Assistant) and Mr Ferris (Sports Teaching Assistant) who will be working across the school. I would also like to welcome our trainee teacher, Mrs Dzekashu, who will be with us for this academic year. We cannot wait for the children to experience our new classroom environment.

### Back to School

The whole school risk assessment has been updated taking into account the Government Guidance and advice from Public Health England. This can be found on the School Website.

Good Hygiene routines continue to be critical in reducing the transmission of Covid 19 and in Palm Class we have taken measures to ensure this is a high priority in our classroom. All children and staff will be required to wash or sanitize their hands from the moment of arrival and at regular intervals throughout the school day.

Your child is likely to notice a difference if they are moving from Apple Class to Palm Class. The work will be more challenging, learning will be more structured in the classroom, the quantity of work will increase and greater content will be expected in the children's writing and work in general. However, the Palm Class Team will endeavour to make this a smooth transition for your child and with our lovely remaining children in Palm Class, we will ensure everyone feels safe and secure in our engaging and exuberant learning environment.



As you are aware children in KS1 are entitled to a free school meal. Please refer to the login in letter provided by Farm Kitchen for further information.

### The Curriculum

**Topic** - We will be exploring how the Land is used in our Local Area this term. Please see the Curriculum Table attached for further information. If you have any relevant or related resources / toys at home that your child would like to bring into school to put on our display, please send them in to school, named, to further enhance the learning for this topic. All items will be returned.

**Reading** - In Palm Class we aim to encourage enjoyment of reading and I would be grateful if you could make sure that your child is reading every day with somebody to ensure your child's reading improves. The children must remember to bring their reading books to school with them each day and we will check to see if they need changing, please ensure that this is clearly noted in their reading record. We will aim to change their reading books as regularly and safely as possible. Please make the time to read with your child, encourage them to discuss the text and make a record of any reading carried out, in your child's reading record. A short comment on how your child found the book would be useful for staff members. Get reading Palm Class!

**Times-tables** - It is essential that the children work on these out of school to ensure they are making the necessary progress and I would be grateful for your support in this. It is possible to purchase CDs with times table songs, Apps on the iPad, card games, workbooks practice makes perfect! Each child in Palm Class has been allocated a TTRS (Times Table Rock Stars) username and password, which will give children the opportunity to practice their tables.  
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**PE** - Due to unforeseen circumstances, PE Lessons will take place on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoons this term and lessons will be outside weather permitting. Please ensure your child has a full indoor and outdoor kit. This year the children will be expected to bring their PE Kit to school with them and will change ahead of their PE lessons. Please ensure your child/children's kits are labelled clearly to avoid any confusion. A full kit should contain black trousers or shorts, a white t-shirt, trainers and a black jacket of some sort to ensure your child stays warm. It might be **put** an idea to ensure your child has some sunscreen and a hat for outdoor PE if the weather is a little warm early on in the term. In addition, all jewellery should be **removed prior to school PE/Games** lessons; specifically earrings must be removed (not covered with tape) to avoid risk of accident and injury.

**Homework** - In Palm Class homework will be set and sent home on a Friday and will be handed in the following Wednesday. This gives the children time to speak to a member of the Palm Class Team **by Monday latest**, if they require any additional help. The homework will include a page of guidance, the weekly spelling list, a piece of Maths and piece of English, both relating to the weeks learning. Please be aware that homework may be set on Purple Mash (notice given in the guidance) to encourage the use of this fabulous resource. As a class, we are aiming for a 100% record of homework handed in on time, this helps the children to organise themselves and be fully aware of the important deadline set. I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to ensure that their homework is completed to the best of their ability and handed in on time in order for them to secure what they have learnt over the course of that week.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to catch me at the gate or on the playground either before or after school, please be aware that we are required to keep to strict timings before the next group of children are due to arrive. Alternatively, contact the School Office to arrange a telephone call with me at a suitable time.

Finally, **please** join us on Twitter and follow **@ClassPalm** or look regularly at the Palm Class Page on the School Website. I will endeavour to keep these as up to date as possible so that you can all see what the children have been up to in school.

Many thanks in advance for all you support.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Cox and the Palm Class Team

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adventure  
begins...

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