

St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school

Good afternoon,

'By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.' Genesis 2 : 2

I have never been particularly good at taking breaks and time out! However, last week a friend told me something I hadn't heard before – there are apparently 7 types of rest. I was intrigued and it set me researching and thinking. I found out that the different types of rest include physical, mental and social rest; spiritual rest, sensory, emotional and creative rest. Some types of rest even include 'doing things' which appeals to me. This Sunday is Mothering Sunday. Let's give our wonderful Mum's a rest and try and think of ways to help them to make there day easier, better, happier!

We need rest so we can renew, refresh and be reinvigorated in our daily life and work. Rest in all its forms can lead to increased productivity, new ideas and increased motivation. So, this week I urge you to plan some time for one of the forms of rest and don't feel guilty. Know that by 'doing' rest you will have renewed energies and refreshed ideas for the work ahead of you.

Oak/Willow Class VR Experience

The children in Oak and Willow will be taking part in a Virtual Reality experience in school on Tuesday 28th March 2023. The children will be given a headset that will enable them to be immersed in this new experience using 360° photos and videos linked to their class topics. The cost of this experience is £3.50 per child and payment can be made via ParentMail.

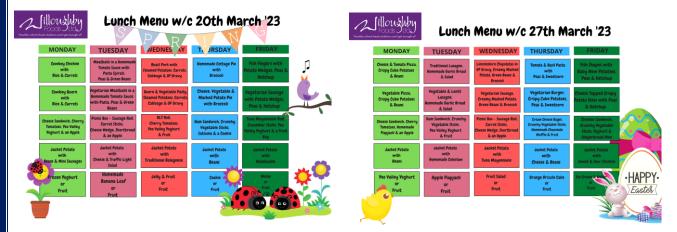
Swimming

After the Easter holidays, swimming will begin. Please see the table below for the day on which each class will be swimming. Every child will need a swimming costume (one piece) or swimming shorts (preferably tight fitting to make movement through the water more effective), a towel and a swimming hat. You can purchase a plain white swimming hat for £1 via ParentMail. If your child wears glasses and needs to do so in the pool, please speak to their class teacher as there is a safety form for you to complete before they are able to go in the pool.

	PE	Swimming	
Apple	Monday	Wednesday	
Palm	Tuesday	Thursday	
Oak	Friday	Tuesday	
Willow	Thursday	Friday	

School Lunches

Please can I ask that parents take time with their children to go through the menu and select menu options that the children would like to eat and review their thoughts at the end of the day. On several occasions recently we have had children say that they don't like the option that has been chosen for them and would prefer the alternative. If you require a login to Willoughby Foods Ltd, please contact the school office.



<u>Milk</u>

We provide fresh milk for all children that order it through our Cool Milk provider. The milk is served at morning break, as a snack before lunch. We are not serving it at lunchtime anymore as many children were filling up on milk and leaving their meal. Additionally, to be greener, the milk is now served in reusable cups rather than individual plastic bottles, which were thrown away.

Year 6 Homework

From the week beginning 27th March, Year 6 will start to receive Homework on a Friday, which will need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday (when not a holiday). This is to begin further transition work to Secondary school and to support with additional revision for their SATs. Each week there will be a grammar, reading and maths activity. The homework should take no longer than 45 minutes and could easily be broken down into three 15-minute sessions. We do ask that where possible, children complete this work independently. This allows us to assess understanding and put in any additional support required. If your child finds any of the activities tricky, they can come and see Miss Swain or myself on the Monday or Tuesday and we will give them help to gain greater security. The homework will be marked together on the Wednesday so children can have immediate feedback on strengths and areas for development, therefore it is crucial that it is returned on the Wednesday.

Year 2 and Year 6 parents/carers/guardians have been invited to a SATs meeting on Thursday 30th March at 3.20pm in the school hall. Please complete the form that has been sent via ParentMail to confirm your attendance.

After School Clubs Term 5 & 6

The following clubs take place during term 5 & 6 and can be booked via ParentMail; they are free and run by staff/parents. Childcare is also available in school every day from 3.15pm until 5pm. You are able to book sessions from 3.15pm to 5pm or 4pm to 5pm if your child is attending a free club first. The clubs on offer must be booked even if they are free. Available clubs are:

Monday	KS1 Yoga	Miss Cannon	
	KS2 Rounders	Miss Ingle	
Tuesday	No clubs due to Staff Meetings		
Wednesday	KS1 & KS2 Cricket	Mr Ferris	
Thursday	Year 5 11+	Miss Swain	
	KS1 & KS2 Art	Miss Cox	
	KS2 Athletics	Mr Ferris	
Friday	Years 2-6 Chess	Mrs Willerton/Miss Ingle	

Home School Agreement 2022-23

We have added a section to our Home School Agreement 2022-23 which makes parents/carers/guardians aware that children will be included in class photos take by Tempest Photography unless they inform the school otherwise.

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May is SATs week. We will be running a Year 6 Breakfast Club for these four days. Last year we had 100% attendance at the cub. It is a great way to start the day and get into the right mindset for the tests ahead. We offer a varied menu which ranges from sausage sandwiches, pain au chocolate to cereal and toast. A form has been sent via ParentMail giving choices available. Year 6 children who arrive by taxi can join in as soon as they arrive at school if they are unable to attend from 8am. Please do try and join us.

We hope that you have a happy, fun and love filled weekend.

Take care Miss Ingle

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 17.3.23	Fantastic award	Excellence award	Team Points award
Apple Class	Oscar	Woody	Dillan
Palm Class	Amani	Connor	Ruby
Oak Class	Gracie	Olivia	Willow
Willow Class	Mahleesar	Seren	Lacie

Attendance winner of the week

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week!

School worship

A Prayer for
Mothering Sunday
Thank you God for the
love of our mothers: thank you God for their
care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that
they give us; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the week

Proverbs 31:25-27

"Strength and honor are her clothing; she is confident about the future. Her mouth is full of wisdom; kindly teaching is on her tongue. She is vigilant over the activities of her household; she doesn't eat the food of laziness."

Church/Village News

Mothering Sunday - 19th March 2023

There is a Mothering Sunday service at St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday at 11am, suitable for all ages, to celebrate Mothers and those who care for us. Some children from school are already intending to join us, and take part in the service. Please come along with your family on this special day as we give our thanks and Prayers.

Thirsty on Thursday – 23rd March 2023

The Church will be open between 9.30 and 11am for you to drop in any time for tea/coffee and a chat.

Flower Festival – Wednesday 26th April – Monday 1st May

The church will be open between 10am and 4.30pm.

PTFA News

Easy Fundraising is a great source of funds for the school which could raise £££s for the PTFA. A range of retailers, holiday companies, Ebay, Tesco and many more donate a percentage of money spent when parents / carers / guardians spend money. It costs the consumer absolutely nothing at all. Parents/carers/guardians need to:

- Click on the easy fundraising link: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/</u>
- Register an email and password
- Nominate your cause
- Download a reminder tool to browser so when purchases are made through a partner a reminder is sent.
- Make the purchase and a percentage goes to St Barts!

Diary Dates

27th March – Year 6 – Easter Cracked trip 28th March – Oak & Willow – Virtual Reality experience 28th March – PTFA Easter Disco – 3.15pm – 4.30pm 31st March – Easter Service 31st March – PTFA Easter Celebration – 10.30am Refreshments/Easter Egg Hunt 31st March – Term 4 ends 17th April – Primary School places offered 18th April – First day of Term 5 21st April – PTFA Race Night – 6pm 26th April – 1st May – Flower Festival at St Bartholomew's Church 5th May – Coronation Concert & Celebration – 3pm 8th May - Bank Holiday – His Majesty's Coronation 19th May – PTFA Curry & Movie night – 7pm 10th June – Pinchbeck Carnival (Rotten Row Playing Field) 11th June – PTFA Car Boot Sale – 9am 21st June – Summer Concert – 5.30pm 30th June – PTFA Summer Fayre – 2.30pm 18th July – Whole school Trip – Woburn Safari Park 20th July – Leavers Disco – 3.15pm 1st October – West Pinchbeck 10k/School FunRun

Any Other News

After School Care

Please be aware that there will be no After School Care available on Tuesday 18th April 2023 due to staff training.

Severe Weather/Snow Closure

In the event of severe weather, we will always strive to ensure that the school remains open, but in the event that extreme weather conditions necessitate the closure of the school we will advise you of this in a number of ways. We will notify parents by email via **ParentMail**, update the school website and advise Lincs FM and BBC Lincolnshire radio stations so listen out to their broadcasts or log onto their websites. We will also post a message on the school's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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