



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 22.9.23

Good afternoon,

This week we have continued to learn about [friendship](#). It has been lovely to spend time in Apple class watching new friendships form and then move to Willow and watch how established friends are supporting each other with new challenges.

Oak class have filled our prayer garden with beautiful prayers on friendship and hopes for the future. Please take a minute to stop and read them if you join us for Family collective worship on Friday.

The love of God is reflected across our school family in the daily lives of our church school. It is lived out in the relationships between pupils, staff, parents and our wider community. It is present through challenging times and good. It provides shelter, support, consolation and an assurance that we are never alone.

I hope that this week you can take a moment to pause, whether that be in a busy classroom, at work, in the playground or the office. Look and listen to the voices and interactions you see and hear and reflect on how the love of God is at work in our school community and your own communities. We are incredibly blessed to have the friendships that we do.

School worship

A Prayer for Friendship

Almighty Father, I give thanks today for the friendships in my life. Lord, this life isn't meant to be lived alone, so I am grateful for the people who walk alongside me, supporting me, loving me, and encouraging me. For we cannot do it all alone but are better together. Help me to be more aware and gracious to my friends, appreciating them and accepting their help. Help me to be a better friend, too, supporting, loving, and encouraging others. Lord, lead me to find and cultivate deeper friendships and be a good friend in all that I do. Shower your blessings upon those I call friends, that you may ever be in our midst. Bind us together, Lord, for a cord of three strands is not quickly broken. **Amen.**

Bible verse of the week



Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

School Mobile Phone

We now have a school mobile for afterschool care. The number is: 07936 725986. It will be turned off during the school day. It will only be available for parents who have children attending afterschool care during afterschool care hours. **PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

What Parents Need to Know

You will find at the end of this newsletter a What Parents Need to Know Guide about WhatsApp, which gives no end of advice to parents and carers. Please look at the Online Safety page on our website where you will find more What Parents Need to Know Guides about a range of things from gaming to smartwatches to sharing photos online.

Pack Up Food Waste

Thank you for supporting us with conversations at home around children taking their food waste and uneaten food home.

Swim Caps

Swimming will be finishing at the end of this term until we open the pool again when we return after the Easter holidays. Swim caps are no longer available to purchase via ParentMail however they can be purchase via the school office for £1 each.

Pencil Cases

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported us by providing their children with stationery for their pencil cases, however a large number of children do not have glue sticks. Glue sticks are a staple part of school life and are used up very quickly. Please remember to ask your child regularly if they require anything replenishing.

Standards & Testing Agency Information for Parents

Please find attached leaflets that were produced by the Standards & Testing Agency earlier in 2023 giving Parents information about the following:

- Reception Baseline Assessment (Year R)
- Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)
- Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)
- Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)
- Key Stage 2 Sats (Year 6)

Flu Vaccinations

Thank you to those of you who have completed the online flu vaccination consent form. We will be resending the link to parents who have yet to complete this form, as we have been asked by the Lincolnshire Community Health Service that parents complete the online consent form even if they do not give permission. Your children will not receive the flu vaccination without permission.

Weekly message from our Head Girls

Current Affairs

We like to keep up to date with what's going on in our world, so I decided to watch BBC news round to find out what has been happening this week. Firstly, I discovered that people on Tik Tok have been putting that climate change is fake and BBC Newsround have found 365 videos about it. When they told Tik Tok they only deleted 5% of them so 95% of videos containing false information are still on there.

I also found out that there is a young girl who has been making flags of the countries out of Rubix cubes! Cool! Her name is Mimi, and so far, she has made 80.

Finally, it was amazing to hear that "Mary Queen of Stops" Mary Earps (England's goalkeeper) has won England women's player of the year. What an achievement!

By Gracie Ingle

Friendship

Friendship is our core value this term. Friendship creates happiness. Being a good friend shows kindness, enjoyment play and makes you feel good. Having friends is good for your mental and physical wellbeing. At St Bartholomew's we worked hard to be friendly, welcoming, and approachable so that everyone can have a good day. By Olivia

Hello and welcome it's Leah. I know you are really interested in what your children learn so today (Wednesday) I went and asked each class what they have been doing. Apple class have been learning how to get in and out of the pool safely which is very important. In Palm they have been finding out about where they live, how seeds are sown and what farmers do. Oak have been looking at the Victorian era then learning number lines to 1,000 in Year 4 and in Year 5 numbers to 1,000,000. Finally in Willow class we have studied World War 2 and what countries Adolf Hitler took over. Thank you for reading.

This week in collective worship with our wonderful head teacher Miss Ingle, we have been learning about how to save our world with recycling and to not litter because that is not the way we can save our world. To help, we would need to reuse, reduce and recycle. I recall people are helping by washing out their yoghurt pots. In Apple Class they have a junk modelling section in their room so they are using all the things we would recycle into art. We also had collective worship with our fabulous Miss Cox. We are currently learning songs for our welcome service for our little reception children who recently began their journey at St Bartholomews.

Respectfully Charlie-Mai Thomas

Take care

Miss Ingle

Attendance winner of the week

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week!

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 22.09.2023	Fantastic award	Excellence award	Team Points award
Apple Class	Clio	Dylan	Gracie
Palm Class	Charlie	Allie	Daisy
Oak Class	Aubree	Lacey-Anna	Harry
Willow Class	Kiera	Daisy	Lacey-Mae

Dates for Your Diary

26th September – Willow Class trip to Peterborough Museum
26th September – Cowley Academy Open Evening (Year 4/5/6)
27th September – 11.15am Reception Welcome Service
27th September – Reception Parents invitation to lunch
28th September – Bourne Academy Open Evening (Year 4/5/6)
1st October – West Pinchbeck 10k/School FunRun
3rd October – Spalding Academy Open Evening (Year 4/5/6)
5th October – Individual/Family photographs
12th October – Apple Class trip to Ketton Pumpkins
13th October – 2.30pm Harvest Service at the Church (Children to be collect from Village Hall)
13th October – 3.15pm PTFA refreshments at Village Hall
18th October – Flu Vaccinations
19th October – 3.15 – 4.30pm Reception Welcome Disco (open to all)
20th October – End of Term 1
31st October – Beginning of Term 2
29th November – Apple Class trip to Tallington Farm
9th December – Track Play
13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

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 13th December – 3.15-4.30pm Christmas Disco
 14th December – 2.30-5pm PTFA Christmas Fayre
 15th December – Whole school trip to Panto (South Holland Centre)
 19th December – Christingle & Carols by Candlelight at the Church

Any Other Information

PE/Swimming Timetable:

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

Community Book Swap

Our new Community Book swap is now up and running. Please pop into the school reception area where you will see our new book trolley. Please help yourself to a book 📖 Enjoy!

Fun Run

On Sunday 1st October, we will be collaborating with the Halmer Harriers again to bring you the 2nd St Bart's Fun Run. Last year was so successful that the 10k has been chosen as the championship race this year! Our Fun Run will be in memory of our lovely Thomas. All monies raised will go to Brainbow who supported Thomas through his journey and towards our new school mural which will include Thomas's handprint, so he is always with us and a part of our school. We will be trying to raise £2000! Mrs Thomas and I will be running the 10K in memory of Thomas on Saturday with the other Halmer Harriers so that we can be on hand to marshal at the Fun Run on the Sunday. There is a box for any donations in the foyer at school should you wish to support us. Entry to run in the Fun Run is £2 per runner and like last year, children and adults can run. Please complete the ParentMail form to let us know you will be running as a register will be taken on the gate, where you will pay, and we want to make sure we have enough burgers and sausages! I hope that we will have another fantastic event and raise as much money as we can for such a good cause.



West Pinchbeck 10k Run

If you wish to take part in the 10k run, you can find the links on the following sites:

- Facebook – West Pinchbeck 10k
- Facebook – Halmer Harriers
- Run Britain website (search for the race)
- lincsatletics.com

School Opening

Our school office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm, Monday to Friday. If you wish to contact the school out of these hours, please email enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk or call 01775 640357 and leave a message on our answerphone.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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