



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 15.9.23

Good afternoon,

Welcome back! We have now completed our first full week and as always, it is like we have never been away! Classrooms are ready and looking colourful and inviting. Baselines have been completed for reading and spellings – look out for the statutory spelling lists on the class pages – please look at them with your children at home; new pupil roles and responsibilities have been promoted and the children are busy writing application letters and our wonderful new reception children seem to be settling in very well and have beaming smiles.

I met with our Head girls and Deputy Head girls this week. They are very excited to be leading the school and they have come forward with excellent ideas to start implementing this year. One of which starts today as they would like to write a piece for our newsletter each week – please keep reading to hear what they have to say about the start of term.

We have started as we mean to go on and continue with our school vision:

At St Bartholomew's we provide a gate way of discovery through our diverse curriculum and nurture global disciples who positively impact God's gift to us – the world. Our curriculum enables our learners to recognise their place in Pinchbeck West; the importance and value of where they live. It aims to develop agents of change who are taught to protect the environment, solve problems to ensure society is a better place and take responsibility for their actions to make the future a somewhere far improved from where it is. There is a clear focus on developing a rich vocabulary through a text centred approach and providing learners with the opportunity to independently gain powerful knowledge to ensure their future success. Through boundless forgiveness, compassion and a safe learning environment our children can Let their Light Shine (Matthew 5:16). We learn to love responsibly by developing the skills and knowledge needed under God's spiritual counsel, bringing light to all those around us. We are beacons of hope an our communities guided by God's spirit and love.

COMMUNITY HOPE WISDOM DIGNITY

Please help us to live out our school vision every day and shine our light for the benefit of all our communities. This term, our core value focus is **FRIENDSHIP**. We will be looking at the recipe for good friendship and how to be a good friend. Our children have already written prayers and wishes for friendship, and they are displayed on our prayer wall. Please do take time to read through them if you come into school and join us for collective worship.

Having friends allows children to feel part of a group, increasing a sense of security and giving them someone their own age they can relate to and turn to. Knowing they can rely on friends and be relied upon can make children feel more included and engaged.

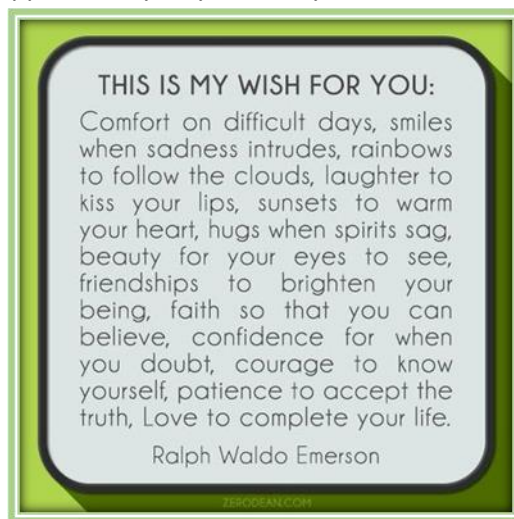
Developing different friendships over their time at school gives children ample opportunity to learn different social skills and the best ways to act in different scenarios. Children who learn important life skills when young, like how to talk to people and deal with conflict, are more likely to carry these skills through into later life.

Knowing they are going to school to spend time with friends can make children feel more motivated and more willing to learn. Positive school relationships help frame school and learning as a fun and exciting experience and something children get to do together.

Having a peer to lean on can help children deal with any negative emotions that may arise at school. Friendships can provide a support system and bolster mental health when children face difficulties with their learning, extracurricular activities, or classmates.

Fallouts, bad words and feelings of upset are all normal parts of developing school friendships. While this kind of thing can be unpleasant for your child to deal with at the time, learning to manage conflict and confrontation is an important element of growing up.

When your child exhibits particularly caring or empathic behaviour, take notice of it and praise them for thinking of others. Encourage these behaviours and explain why they're important in making and maintaining school friends. We will continue to help our children develop friendships, find friendship, be a good friend and advise on how to deal with tricky situations that pop up over their time here at St Bart's. Our staff and ELSAs (emotional, learning support assistants) are always on hand to support in any way that they can.



SDP (School Development Plan)

I sent you a letter regarding our SDP priorities last week. Do have a read through them so you understand what our targets are for this year, to help to further develop our school. We value your voice and in a few weeks' time, I will be sending out a questionnaire to hear your thoughts and feeling on our school and take onboard any ideas you may have for taking the school further. I would really appreciate as many responses as possible.

Open Week Monday 18th to Friday 22nd

Don't forget that it is our open week next week. We already have lots of show rounds booked in, but we would welcome as many as possible. If you have siblings that will be starting school next year or friends with children who are considering schools, please give them our details – we would love to see them.

Uniform

Just a gentle reminder that our school colours are jade green and navy blue. Any hair accessories should be green or blue and please can I ask that children refrain from having coloured braids during term time. Our uniform policy states that socks should be white, black, navy or grey please. A few years ago, a group of parents set up a uniform

swap page on Facebook. Please see our Facebook page for the link to join. We also have some second-hand grey trousers and skirts, and some white PE tops should anyone need any.

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)
- lincsathletics.com

Cyber Crime

A message from Nick Stenner - T/Police Sergeant Cyber Engagement. Cybercrime now accounts for almost 50% of crime in the UK. It is increasingly easy to commit cybercrime, with hacking tools and guides readily available online. Research suggests that 61% of hackers began hacking before the age 16 but some may be as young as 10, with estimates showing that 1 in 4 teenagers have tried some form of cybercrime (many without realising it). There is a real need to intervene early, before young people ever become involved in cybercrime, so that their technical skills can be harnessed. Skills in coding, gaming, computer programming and cyber security are in high demand, meaning there are excellent career opportunities for anyone with an interest in IT.

The Cyber Choices programme aims to work with young people and vulnerable adults who have a high technical ability in computing and are vulnerable, or at risk of cyber exploitation and/or they are already on the cusp of cyber criminality.

You can find more information at the East Midlands Special Operations regional cybercrime page by clicking www.eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk/cyberchoices. The programme receives numerous referrals from professionals but very few come from parents/guardians who often know more about the young person. It is easy to refer in, all you have to do is email cyberchoices@leics.police.uk, who can help you through the process.

Parking

I understand that parking is limited at school, however, we must take care to ensure that we are always parking responsibly and safely. I have had three complaints this week from members of the public regarding parking and they have spoken to the police to ask for monitoring to take place. Please respect driveways, lawns and verges. Thank you.

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately, we have got a recurring problem of dogs pooping, particularly near the school gates on Leaveslake Drive, and their walkers/owners are not picking it up. As school is now back and small children have been walking through it, it has been reported. The dog warden has taken up the problem and additional dog poop bins are being requested, however it is an offence to not pick up after your dog, so if there is no bin please take it home.

“A person who does not clear up their dog's faeces may be committing an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and can be liable to a maximum penalty of £1000.”

Thank you to the majority who do clean up after your dogs.

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!

PE/Swimming Timetable:

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



Health Care Plans

In order that we can provide the necessary care required to those children who have on-going health care needs, we require parents to complete a 'Health Care Plan' form via ParentMail. This document is used to detail the on-going health issues and, if applicable, the medication that each child requires. If you haven't done so already and your child has health care needs, please complete the form via ParentMail. Thank you to those parents who have already completed their child's Health Care Plan.

Weekly message from our Head Girls

Hello! I'm Gracie Ingle one of the head girls here at St Bartholomew's Primary School. This term the whole school are learning about a new topic called Noah's Ark. On our hall wall there is an ark that our amazing, talented Miss Illingworth has made and all of year six drew then painted some animals to display on it. On the 27th September, we will be holding a welcome service for all the new Reception children. I remember my first weeks in Reception. I was nervous and excited at the same time and when I found things hard or didn't understand something, all the teachers and teaching assistants helped me along the way. I couldn't be more grateful!

We've been doing a lot this week as a whole school and I'd like to tell you a little bit about it. On Tuesday Miss Ingle read a bible story called Noah's Ark, it was very appropriate for that day because it was pouring with rain, and it was appropriate because they lived in a desert, and it started to rain and then the rain turned into lakes and then turned into seas. Have a look at our display in the hall that was inspired by it! By Olivia

Hello, my name is Leah and I want to tell you about what we have been doing in school this week. In collective worship Miss Ingle read a story from the Bible called Noah's Ark. Every class is doing or has done a part for the picture that is on the back of the wall in the hall. On Thursday we began to learn a song that is going to be in the welcome service for the new Reception class. Also, I would like to tell you what we did on our first day back. We were talking about new beginnings and someone from Palm class said they tried a new flavour of ice poll, which I found very funny. Thank you for reading.

The first couple of weeks of this new term has been challenging, because we have new teachers, new classes and we are all in different year groups. We have made a new creative project from one of the stories in the Bible that is called Noah's Ark, which is in our school hall. I made one of the sloths on the right and our spectacular Mrs Illingworth painted the Ark for our fabulous animals to peer out of the windows.

So that is my news from the first week at school. I hope you have all had a good week.

Respectfully,
Charlie-Mai

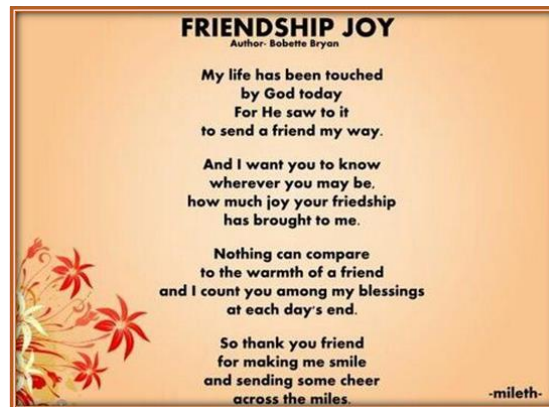
Take care
Miss Ingle

Bible verse of the week

Proverbs 27:9

Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy, for good friends are like the anointing oil that yields the fragrant incense of God's presence

School worship



Attendance winner of the week

Apple Class are the attendance winners of the week!

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 15.09.2023	Fantastic award	Excellence award	Team Points award
Apple Class	Lola	Finley	Daniel
Palm Class	Florrie	Jenson	Harry
Oak Class	Evie-Mae	Connor	Charlie
Willow Class	Vova	Josie	Molly C

Dates for Your Diary

16th September – 10-12 noon - Macmillan Coffee Morning at Sunset View, Black Hole Drove, (Janet Iszatt – 07443220149)
 17th September – Track Play – cancelled.
 w/c 18th September – Reception Open Week
 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
 18th October – Flu Vaccinations
 19th October – 3.15 – 4.30pm Reception Welcome Disco (open to all)
 31st October – Beginning of Term 2
 29th November – Apple Class trip to Tallington Farm
 9th December – Track Play

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.

