



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



### News in school 13.10.23



Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community.  
May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all.  
Amen.

Good afternoon,

Autumn brings with it a range of firsts in education: new schools, new classes, new jobs. But there's one age-old tradition that remains the same no matter what year you've started, or what school you've moved to and that's what we celebrated today - our harvest festival.

It is often the very first whole school celebration of the year and therefore has always been one of my favourites. By comparison to the festival of glitter that is December or the high emotion of the end of year celebrations in July, Harvest is often a quieter affair. But what the event lacks in sparkle, it makes up for in rich opportunity and the mellowness of a pause and reflection after the chaotic first few weeks of term.

Harvest is a time for us to be together as a school community, to be thankful for what we have and to share with others who may be in need. It is also a moment to take stock of how our communities are changing: no longer are harvest gifts of just food and fresh produce being asked for but non-perishables and toiletries to support local food banks. Harvest can serve to highlight the huge disparity within a community and the real poverty in which many are living.

As we gathered to celebrate and give thanks to God for what our earth can provide, and smiled as our pupils sang about plenty, it was worth reflecting on a song sung at one of my own school harvests when I was younger. The lyrics talk about the effect "one kind person" could have if they chose to "sow the seeds of friendship".

In a time of real need for many of our communities, pupils and families, Harvest is a time to ensure that we too sow the seeds of friendship and support across our school and communities, and never forget to tend to the wider educational seeds and attitudes we plant and cultivate every day.

Thank you to all the families who have donated food for our Harvest Festival. We are so grateful for your generosity and I am sure that Agape will be too. We are all feeling the pinch in our pockets at the moment, but once again you have shown what it means to live well together.

Have a lovely, fun-filled and happy weekend.

Take care  
Miss Ingle

## School worship

Lord hear us.

For ourselves, that we may be blessed with a spirit of wonder and gratitude for the beauty all around us and a sense of responsibility for it.

Lord hear us.

For those whose crops have failed and whose harvest comes only after a struggle with the elements, that they may be filled with hope.

Amen

## Bible verse of the week

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

## Attendance winner of the week

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week!

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
18 <sup>th</sup> October		Flu Vaccinations
19 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15 – 4.30pm	PTFA Reception Welcome Disco (open to all)
20 <sup>th</sup> October		End of Term 1
31 <sup>st</sup> October		Beginning of Term 2
1 <sup>st</sup> November		Apple Class 'Fun with Fred Day'
29 <sup>th</sup> November		Apple Class trip to Tallington Farm
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Lunch (order via Willoughby Foods website)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15 - 4.30pm	PTFA Christmas Disco
14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30 - 5pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre
15 <sup>th</sup> December		Whole school trip to Panto (South Holland Centre)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Christingle & Carols by Candlelight at the Church

## Any Other Information

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 1:

	PE	Swimming
Apple	Wednesday	Monday
Palm	Thursday	Tuesday
Oak	Monday	Thursday

Willow	Tuesday	Friday
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### **Church News**

St Bartholomew's Church Harvest Festival - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. 11am. All welcome to join us. Refreshments will follow the Service, and any donations sent to Agape Foodbank.

St Bartholomew's Church Quiz and BBQ. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. 1.30 - 4pm. £10 per person including Food. Teams of 4. Or join up to make a team on the day. Contact Ruth - 07523244449 to book.

### **School Mobile Phone**

We now have a school mobile for afterschool care. The number is: 07396725986 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.**

### **After School Kids Club**

Please be aware that if parents/carers/guardians are more than 10 minutes late collecting from after school clubs at 4pm there will be a charge of a full hour, per child, childcare cost.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk) or call 01775 640357 and leave a message on our answerphone.





