



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 17.11.23

Good afternoon,

As we continue to navigate through the academic year, we wanted to take a moment to emphasise the value and importance of kindness. This week, the children took part in a lovely Collective Worship through the Diocese. The spiritual thinking of our children was and continues to be truly amazing! In school, notes of kindness have been delivered to several members of staff which the children have themselves, instigated. What a fabulous and thoughtful idea St Bartholomew's! We firmly believe that kindness is a fundamental virtue that shapes the character and well-being of our children. It goes beyond mere politeness and encompasses empathy, compassion, and respect for others. By instilling kindness as an important value, we continue to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported.

Our school family integrate kindness into the curriculum, fostering discussions and activities that encourage empathy and understanding. We appreciate your support in reinforcing the value of kindness at home, how you encourage your child to practice acts of kindness towards their peers, teachers, and family members and engage them in conversations about empathy and the positive impact of kind actions. By working together, we can create a strong foundation for our children to grow into compassionate and responsible individuals. We greatly value your partnership in nurturing a culture of kindness at St Bartholomew's. Together, let us inspire our young learners to make a positive difference in the world through their words and actions and become disciples of change.

Make time to...

The following link provides ideas to set your children free with our 50 things to do before you're 11 ¾ activities. Let them feel the wind in their hair, smell food cooking on an open fire, track wild animals and eat a juicy apple straight from the tree. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

The PTFA are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 1st December in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre that is being held on Thursday 14th December at 2.30pm.

Whole School Christmas Lunch

The whole school will be sitting down to Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December. If you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch, please order via Willoughby Foods Ltd by Tuesday 5th December 3pm. The menu is at the end of this newsletter.

After School Clubs

Please be aware that Netball club will not take place on Monday 27th November 2023.

Family Collective Worship

Please be aware that Family Collective Worship will not take place Friday 8th December 2023.

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 via 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 'X' pages.

St Bartholomew's Church

Christmas Coffee Morning – Saturday 18th November 10am - 1pm. Refreshments including bacon rolls and toasted sandwiches. Christmas tombola and a wide variety of stalls, including books, wood turned items, crafts, cards and gifts. Free entry. Contact Wendy: 014775 640296 (see flyer at the end of this newsletter).

Take care.
Mrs Davison

School worship

Thank you, Father, that kindness isn't just a nice idea, but that you created us so that our bodies have a physical reaction when we are kind. Help us to follow Your Son's example by living a daily life of kindness.

Amen.

Bible verse of the week

Acts 20:35b.

"Remembering the words, the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 17.11.2023	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Apple Class	Rosaleigh	Oscar
Palm Class	Tommy-Lee	Jensen
Oak Class	Joshua	George
Willow Class	Andrei	Leah

Attendance winner of the week

Apple Class are the attendance winners of the week and will share Gerald!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
20 th November		Willow Class trip to Christmas Unwrapped
21 st December		Methodist Church Trip
29 th November		Apple Class trip to Tallington Farm
1 st December		PTFA Non-Uniform Day (donations for Christmas Fayre)
5 th December		Oak Class Trip to Rockingham Castle 'A Victorian Christmas'
6 th December	6-7.30pm	Ask Dan Anything – Online Safety Q&A
11 th December	6pm	Apple & Palm Class Christmas Performance
12 th December	2.30pm	Apple & Palm Class Christmas Performance
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day
13 th December		Christmas Lunch (order via Willoughby Foods website)
13 th December	3.15 - 4.30pm	PTFA Christmas Disco

14 th December	2.30-5pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre
15 th December		Whole school trip to Panto (South Holland Centre)
19 th December	6pm	Christingle & Carols by Candlelight at the Church
20 th December		End of Term 2

All calendar dates/events can be found on our school website by clicking on the 'calendar' tab. If you wish to add an event to your calendar, you can do so by clicking on the link and pressing the 'add to calendar' button.

Any Other Information

PE/Swimming Timetable Term 2:

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
Apple	Monday	Wednesday
Palm	Tuesday	Thursday
Oak	Thursday	Monday
Willow	Friday	Tuesday

PTFA 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:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>

- 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!

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 13th December

If anyone would like to donate any Christmas jumpers that their children have grown out of, we would be happy to receive them in school.

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

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 call 01775 640357 and leave a message on our answerphone or alternatively email enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk.



**CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
West Pinchbeck**

18th November

 **10am to 1pm** 

**Cards Books Gifts
Crafts Tombola**

 **Refreshments**

FREE ENTRY! 

Details: 01775 640296 Charity: 18332

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Christmas Lunch Menu

Wednesday 13th December

**Roast Turkey, Stuffing Ball,
Pigs in Blanket, Mashed Potatoes
Peas, Carrots & Gravy**

Or

**Quorn Fillet, Stuffing Ball,
Yorkshire Pudding,
Mashed Potatoes
Peas, Carrots & Gravy**

Arctic Roll



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



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