



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 1.12.23

Good afternoon,

Friday marks the beginning of Advent. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We are reminded that the Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. The traditional themes of Advent allow us—through meditation, prayer, and affirmation—to contemplate ways to share our deepest gifts: hope and faith, peace, love, and joy.

Thank you so much to Aphoenix Care for giving every child and member of staff an advent calendar.



We have an exciting few weeks ahead as we prepare for Christmas in school with many celebrations that we hope you will join us for. Details of these events can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Home School Agreement

If you haven't done so already, please complete the Home School Agreement 2023-24 form that can be found on ParentMail.

Ask Dan Anything - Online Safety Q and A for Primary Parents 6th December 6pm-7:30pm

In the Keeping Safe Online Survey of 2023 Lincolnshire children who reported having less parental supervision online were more likely to report being bullied online. Effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity

reduces the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! Lincolnshire County Council want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children from online harm. Dan Hawbrook, the LCC Online Guru, will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! To join this Teams meeting, click

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Online Parent Webinar about County Lines in Lincolnshire 7th December 7-8:30pm

Lincolnshire Police have linked up with PACE (Parent's Against Child Exploitation) to offer a free webinar for parents and carers around County Lines within Lincolnshire. This webinar will take place on 7th December from 7-8:30pm. During the TEAMS sessions specialist workers will discuss:

- What county lines and child exploitation is.
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved.
- Learn how offenders groom and exploit children.
- Understand what is happening in your local area.

To join this zoom meeting please see the details below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88554029228?pwd=VWRTQ1hyVzVpdGw5dFhmOTdoU21KQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 5402 9228

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We are aware of the heightened financial pressures that many of you are facing at the moment and as a staff, we wish to emphasise that we do not expect 'thank you' gifts from children/parents. Should you wish to say 'thank you', we always appreciate homemade cards, letters and gifts (items of food must be clearly labelled for allergens and wrapped securely) or a spoken word of 'thank you' (kind words mean a lot!). If you wish to give any cards/gifts, these can be dropped off at the school office, clearly labelled with staff and child's name, rather than handing them out to class staff to avoid those families who can't afford gifts from feeling uncomfortable. Thank you.

I hope that you have a warm, fun-filled and festive weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

Take care
Miss Ingle

School worship

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

Amen

Bible verse of the week

1st Sunday of Advent: Hope - Isaiah 9:2-6

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 1.12.2023	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Apple Class	Sienna	Oliver
Palm Class	Clara	Oliver
Oak Class	Arlya	Julia
Willow Class	Crystal	Charlie-Mai

Attendance winner of the week

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
5 th December		Oak Class Trip to Rockingham Castle 'A Victorian Christmas'
6 th December	6-7.30pm	LCC Webinar: Ask Dan Anything – Online Safety Q&A
7 th December	7-8.30pm	LCC Webinar: County Lines
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	2.15pm	Christingle & Carols by Candlelight at the Church
20 th December		End of Term 2

Please be aware that Lincolnshire County Council have amended the term dates for 2024-25. Tuesday 22nd April 2025 is now an Inset Day and Monday 2nd June 2025 is now a normal school day. Please see our school website for all term dates.

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 own 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!

Reverse Advent Calendar

We will be running a reverse advent calendar this year. If you feel able to donate, a cardboard box will be available every day in December (until Tuesday 19th December) in each classroom for your child to add one item during that time. These items will be donated to Agape Food Bank. Donation suggestions: Christmas-specific non-perishable food items, Christmas crackers, colouring books, stationery, tinned fruit or veg, potatoes, pasta, rice, soup, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, toiletries.

Christmas Cards

Should the children wish to send Christmas cards to their friends, they can do by posting their cards in the school post box from Friday 1st December. The post box can be found by the book vending machine near the reflective area.

Apple & Palm Class Christmas Performance

Apple and Palm Class will be presenting their Christmas Performance, Baarmy Bethlehem, on Monday 11th at 6pm and Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm. **We ask that the children return to school for the evening performance, in full uniform at 5.30pm ready for a 6pm start. For those parents not attending the evening performance, please collect your child at 6.30pm.** Due to health and safety precautions, we are only able to offer four attendees per family. Please complete the ticket form and send monies to the office as this is a very popular event and therefore entry will not be possible without tickets.

On Friday 8th, it will be the dress rehearsal and we have a photographer coming to take pictures of the children in their costumes. These will then be available to purchase on the night at £5 each or 3 for £10.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 13th December for a donation of £1 towards South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service (SoLDAS [Boston Women's Aid]). Christmas jumpers can be shop bought or home decorated. 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.

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.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 14th December at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those children who travel home by taxi and attend Afterschool Kids Club will be able to attend with a nominated member of staff from 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

Panto Trip

The whole school will be attending the panto at the South Holland Centre on Friday 15th December. If you haven't done so already, please complete the permission form and make payment via ParentMail.

Christingle and Carols by Candlelight Service

Our Christingle and Carols by Candlelight service will take place at 2.15pm on Tuesday 19th December. Everyone is welcome to attend. Children are to be collected at 3.15pm from the Village Hall.

Family Collective Worship

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

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.

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.

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.



**BROAD STREET METHODIST CHURCH
SPALDING**

**See our
DECORATED
CHRISTMAS TREES**

10.00 - 1.30



**Enjoy some
REFRESHMENTS**

10.00 -2.00

**Browse the stalls at the
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

10.00 - 2.00



**Join in the
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

10.00—1.00

**ON SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER, HOT DRINKS AND
CAROL SINGING AMONG THE DECORATED TREES
BETWEEN 5.00 p.m.—6.30 p.m.**

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Willoughby
Foods Ltd.

"Healthy School Meals children can't get enough of"

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

