

St Bartholomew's CE Primary Term 2 2023/24

20th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

A very Merry Christmas from everyone at St Bartholomew's. It seems unbelievable that we are already a third of the way through our school year. The last few weeks have been jampacked with festive activities and yesterday all our children shone so very brightly in our Christingle and Carols service.

On the fourth week of Advent, this Sunday, we light the final purple candle to mark the final

week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolises peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Thank you for a wonderful Autumn term – for your support, encouragement and generosity. Our staff and children have worked incredibly hard, and I hope that along with their family and loved ones that they are able to have a fun filled festive season and recharge their batteries ready for next term.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and may the New Year bring you peace, love and joy.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

Take care for now, Merry Christmas!

Miss Ingle 🕹



Christingle and Carols by Candlelight Service:

As dusk set yesterday, light shone through the beautiful church windows of St Bartholomew's as our community gathered to celebrate this wonderful time of year, filled of the spirit of Christmas and sharing with joy the message brought to the world through the birth of a child over 2000 years ago, through stories, poetry and song. I would personally like to offer my sincere thanks to our wonderful children for leading our Christingle and Carol Service and shining their light. We raised £98.97 for the Children's Society. Miss Cox











School News

Attendance Winner of the Week:

Palm Class are the attendance winners of the week!

House Point Champions—Term 2:

Hawks Team are the house point champions for term 2 and have earned a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 9th January 2024.**



Apple & Palm Class Christmas Performance:

Apple and Palm Class would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to see their Christmas show this year. The children worked incredibly hard and loved sharing their 'baaaaarmy' nativity. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we did performing it. Thank you to the parents who provided wonderful costumes and for helping the children learn their lines.











Governors: It has been another busy term for the governing body, with lots of meetings and visits into school. This term always seems to pass so quickly, with the excitement of Christmas and all the celebration events in the school calendar, it seems only a week or two ago we were all at the harvest service. It was fantastic to be involved with the Christmas fair, seeing so many parents and children come together to support the school and spend some time together. I am always overwhelmed by how much time and effort staff and volunteers give freely to these events to ensure their success. As we look forward to the birth of Jesus, celebrated over the Christmas period, my thoughts and prayers are with those who are not so fortunate as us during this time. We pray that they know peace and safety during the festive season. We look forward to a new year that will bring with it challenges and new experiences, but we always have the children at the centre of everything we do as governors, staff and volunteers.

All that is left for me to do, on behalf of the governing body, is to wish you all (children, staff, volunteers, parents and carers) a wonderful, restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year break.

Very best wishes, Phil Callow, St Bartholomew's Chair of Governors.

Elite Sports Tournaments: I would like to commend and congratulate the

Year 5 and 6 children who have taken part in Elite Sports Academies Cross Football Tournaments this term. Our teams did brilliantly, they played against lots of other schools and really dug deep. Our children showed grace, perseverance and resilience on both occasions. Congratulations to all who competed and a huge thank you to the adults who supported and cheered us on at the events.

Miss Cox

Community Christmas Cards: Christmas for many of us is a time of joy, gifts, and precious time with family. However, Christmas can also be an especially difficult time for some people. Here at St Bart's, we believe that everyone should have somebody and we wanted to give something back to members of our community. The children have designed their Christmas Cards and each class have distributed these around our village.







Whole school trip to Panto:

On Friday 15th December the whole school went to the South Holland Centre to see Beauty and the Beast. The children enjoyed the performance and their ice creams during the interval.



Decoration of Christmas

Tree: On Tuesday 21st November, representatives from Palm class decorated a Christmas tree at the Spalding Methodist Church, Broad Street, using the Christmas decorations made specially for this event by all the children in every class.





Term 3 Breakfast Club: Bookings for attending our Breakfast club can be made via ParentMail.

Term 3 After School Clubs: The following clubs take place during term 3 and can be booked via ParentMail; they are free and run by staff/parents. Childcare is also available in school every day from 3.15pm until 5pm. You are able to book sessions from 3.15pm to 4pm, 3.15pm to 5pm, or 4pm to 5pm if your child is attending a free club first. The clubs on offer must be booked even if they are free. Available clubs are:

Monday Yr 5 & 6 Netball (Miss Cox) Friday Year 2-6 Chess (Mrs Willerton)

FA News: Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Disco and Fayre. The disco raised £261.93 and the Christmas Fayre raised £412.50.







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.



hildren in Need: Thank you to everyone who came to school in non-uniform for Children in Need and purchased Pudsey merchandise this year. We raised £113 in total.



Council Team

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Reading Rocks

Thank you to everyone that sent in photos of the children using the weekend book bags. It's great to see the children enjoying the book, hot chocolate and blanket. We've loved seeing pets join in this term too!

Golden coin winners: This term
we've been blown away by the determination of the children and their reading.
We've seen children's reading improve dramatically because of their dedication to reading at home and school. Well done to everyone that has won a book from the vending machine this term.

<u>Junior Library</u>: A few weeks ago we purchased a new system for our library. At the moment when the children borrow books the adult has to record which books have been taken on paper. I'm excited to say that because of the new system









the children will be able to independently log in to the library laptop with their own unique code, scan a book in and scan a new book out. This will be a much easier way to track what the children are reading, and how often they change their books. We will know what books we have in the library and will also show us which books are popular. I am so excited about this new system and I know the children will be too. Please ensure your child's reading book and diary is in school everyday because we will be adding their own sticker to their diary before the end of term. This will be their own bar code to scan. This new system is for the children on the reading scheme and free readers. Any child who is reading Read Write Inc books will continue to take these home but will still have a code. They are welcome to borrow any non-fiction books from the library. There is also a new display in the library, it celebrates Authors and helps children to choose 'what's next' if they like a particular Author.

Reading rocks: Reading rocks groups has been busy this term. It was the turn of Oak and Willow to spend some time in the library. They have enjoyed using purple mash to create their own comics. Some chose to also draw their own. Most recently, we've been making a book for Apple class. They have been drawing pictures from 'Handas surprise' and making moving parts. We are hoping that this will be completed next term so they can share it in class with the younger children. I think the most popular activity during reading rocks was sitting and sharing books whilst eating yummy food!

The winners of the Golden tickets this term is Oak. Well done! Please come and see me for a golden coin to spend at the Vending Machine.

Wishing you all a restful but fun Christmas. Let's hope Santa brings you lots of books!

Mrs Szydlowski







Class News

Apple Class: Ap-

ple Class have had a wonderful term leading up to Christmas. We have been learning sounds, counting and subitising, crafting, inviting visitors into school and having trips out. Our topic this term was 'old toys' and exploring how they have changed from the past. We were lucky enough to receive a visit from Grandad Willerton who shared some childhood memories with us and he also brought in some old toys for us to explore. We looked at items





such as old roller skates, old fashioned catch games, marbles, puzzles and cars. Thank you for coming in to talk to us – the children learnt a great deal from the visit. In Science, the children named and sorted a variety of materials and learnt about properties. Experiments were carried out in order to find waterproof and opaque materials. Apple Class visited Farmer Louise at Tallington Farm last month. The children learnt how bird feed is made up, filled up the bird feeders and met Gordon the farm dog. They explored different Christmas tree varieties and now know how to tell how old a tree is. Louise let us plant a Christmas tree, so we practised our digging skills whilst doing this. Splashing in puddles and squelching in the mud was high on the wish list and was so much fun! We also got to bring a Christmas tree home for the classroom. The children embraced the cold weather and were amazing! Then when we got back to school, we set up a welly wash station to clean our very muddy wellies, ready to go back on our welly rack. The children have also taken part in lots of Christmas activities such as performing their 'Baaarmy' Nativity, a panto trip, Christmas dinner and also lots of Christmas craft in class.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and we will see you in the new year.

Miss Cannon, Mrs S,

Mrs Elwes and Mrs Morris







School Website: Our school website can be found at www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk where you will find lots of information about the school, upcoming events, newsletters, learning links, school lunch menus.

Palm Class: During our last autumn term of this year Palm Class have been doing a variety of activities, especially close to the end of term and towards Christmas.

At the start of our term, Palm Class have been focusing on practicing two of their four operations in maths (addition and subtraction), year 2 have been looking at drawing their numbers, whereas year 3 have been focusing on using the column method. We have used dienes and hundred squares to really support our learning.

In English Palm class have been exploring the book 'A Winter's Child' by Angela McAllister, focusing on the feelings of each character and how the feelings of Winter changes for the main character as the story progresses. We have then used this story to plan our own fantasy books

using the structure of the story to structure our own. Pupils have really enjoyed writing their stories, using their own characters they have designed.

During the end of this term Palm Class have experienced many Christmas activities such as the Nativity performance with Apple Class. The children within both of these classes have worked extremely hard practicing their lines and learning the songs and dances. The end performances were fantastic, and Apple and Palm Class should be proud of what they have produced.

Another Christmas activity the children have participated in this term is the Christmas fayre by creating Christmas trees to sell. The children started out with a pinecone and painted it green to turn it into a beautiful Christmas tree decorating them with pom poms, a wooden base, and chocolates. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making these and selling them to their parents or coming to the stall to buy them.

On the last Friday of term, we all took a trip to the Pantomime and watched the amazing performance of Beauty and the Beast at the South Holland Centre. All the children had a fantastic time joining in with the production. On the last Tuesday, the children took part in the Christingle carol concert, having worked exceptionally hard on their songs and productions. This was a lovely celebration ending off the term in the lead up to Christmas.

Palm Class hope you have a fantastic Christmas and look forward to seeing you next term!

Miss Swain and Mrs Amatt







St Bartholomew's School Facebook Page: Our school

Facebook page is very popular! We have 223 likes and 284 followers. Please make sure you give us a like and a follow to keep up to date with news and activities in school.



Oak Class: What an amazing term this has been in Oak Class! We have continued to delve deeper into our study of the Victorian Era and have been resilient when collating sources to inform us and establish how the Victorians impacted Britain. The culmination of this term's learning was our class visit to



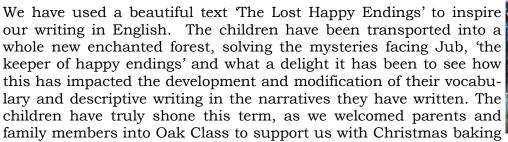


the beautiful Rockingham Castle. The children were transported back in time to a Victorian-Era Christmas Celebration, complete with candle-lit Christmas Trees, roaring fires and beautiful period costumes. The guided tour of the castle was led by knowledgeable guides dressed in character as members of the Victorian Household. Oak Class were an absolute delight, asked relevant and insightful questions, made links between their visit and learning in school. In the afternoon we explored the castle gardens and grounds.



Overall, this Victorian twist on the festive season was an enchanting journey into the past, provided the children with cherished memories and a deeper understanding and appreciation for the holiday traditions of the 19th century. A huge thank you to Mrs Thorley and Mrs Knight for joining us too.

Victorian Christmas in Oak Class - Oak Class spent time recreating beautiful, authentic Victorian Christmas Decorations based on our visit to Rockingham Castle to decorate our classroom.





as their chosen 'Pom Pom' reward. The children were beautifully mannered and really strived to be the best that they could be when developing this skill. We would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteers for helping because we could not have done this without you.

On behalf of the Oak Class Team, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.





Miss Cox, Miss Stead and Mrs Thorley

Class X Pages: Please look at the school's 'X' and class pages on the school website (www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk) which showcases the children's learning in and out of school, alternatively follow your class page via 'X'. Please feel free to leave a comment!



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Willow Class: Willow class have had a very busy term continuing with their learning about World War Two. The children have impressed me with their knowledge and some of the children produced beautiful posters and mind maps at home too! These offerings were displayed on our walls. Their love of learning has been a joy this term and all the children have celebrated their many achievements with pride.

Also, Willow class welcomed a visitor who came to talk to us all about 'Diversity' and how the core value of acceptance can be demonstrated. The children had many questions and were thoughtful and respectful in their responses. Our visitor commented on how fabulous Willow class were! Well done, Willow!

Willow class also visited Spalding Baptist Church for 'Christmas Unwrapped.' The children decorated biscuits, sang a rap, completed a treasure hunt and learned that the story of the Nativity does not actually mention the donkey or the number of wise men who visited Jesus! It was a lovely experience.





Willow class have also worked hard on their Batik designs in Art this term and they are fabulous! The children used hot wax to create their designs using a paintbrush and then they painted in between. It was a complicated process, and the children developed their skills very well.

Mrs Davison, Mrs Peach and Miss Illingworth









Up and Coming Events

3.1.24 Term 3 begins

9.1.24 Non Uniform Day for Team Point Champs

7.2.24 Class Photos

9.2.24 Term 3 ends

19.2.24 Term 4 begins

26.4.24 Year 1 Learn2Ride

w/c 13.5.24 KS2 SATs week

15&16.5.5.24 Year 5 L1&L2 Bikeability

26-28.6.24 Year 6 Residential

Reception 2024 Intake Applications:

The process for applying for a place in Reception 2024 opened on 15th November and closes on 15th January 2024. Applications can be made online

at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolad missions or by calling 01522 782030 and asking for assistance.

Christmas Jumper Day:

On Wednesday 13th December we wore Christmas jumpers to raise money for SOLDAS (South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service and raised a total of £46.50.





Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 3:

Thursday: Oak Tuesday: Palm Friday: Willow Monday: Apple

Indoor PE Timetable for Term 3:

Monday: Oak Tuesday: Willow Wednesday: Apple Thursday: Palm

Whole School Christmas Lunch:

On Tuesday 13th December all the children sat down together for Christmas lunch with crackers and Christmas carols.

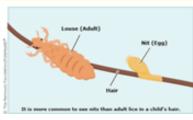






Headlice: Please take this opportunity to check your

child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary. A whole school 'attack' on this common nuisance can be very effective when carried out over a period of time when the school is closed. We rely on parents vigilance and their commitment to checking for and treating headlice in order for outbreaks in school to be reduced. Going



forward, please help us to reduce outbreaks of this common nuisance in school.

Pencil Cases: Christmas holiday is a good time to ask your child if they need any of their stationery for their pencil cases replenishing. Please be aware that children use their glue sticks in most lessons and therefore they run out frequently.



Helping the Environment

<u>Clothing Recycling:</u> Our clothes recycling container is situated in the bike shed. If you wish to use it and the gates are locked, please let the school office know and a member of staff will open the gates for you. This facility is available term time only between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Your donations need to be deposited in a bag, however, please can we ask that you do not leave bags by the locked gates. This is a community facility and therefore is available for the wider community to use.

<u>Battery Collection:</u> Remember to bring in your used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D) for recycling. You can return your battery box or use the big battery collection box in the bike shed.

<u>Pen Recyling:</u> Remember to bring in your old pens, felt pens and markers for recycling.

There is a recycling box in the bike shed. All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) are accepted. We cannot accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects.

<u>Ink Cartridges:</u> Remember to bring in your used ink cartridges and place them in the box in the bike shed. Please note toner and laser cartridges are not accepted as part of the programme. We will regularly inform you of the money we raise from your used cartridges.

St Bartholomew's Church News:

Thirsty on a Thursday: The Church is open every Thursday between 9.30—11am for you to drop in any time for tea/coffee and a chat.

St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Services:

Carol Service - Sunday 17th December 2pm. Traditional Carols and Readings, followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. All welcome.

Midnight Mass - Sunday 24th December 11pm.

Christmas Day Worship - 25th December 10am. Welcome the Birth of Jesus. A Service suitable for all ages. Bring along one of your Christmas Presents to show everyone.

Parent Mail App: The App is available for Android 4.4 devices and above and Apple iOS 8 and above devices. To download the App, simply visit the App store on your phone, and search "ParentMail". Please note, you must be registered to use the ParentMail App – you can register on a browser from the email or text registration invitation you have been sent. In order to download the PMX App you will need iOS 7.0 or higher.

Safeguarding: Safeguarding is our top priority here at St Bart's and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the safeguarding information that is available on our website. The safeguarding tab includes a range of information about safeguarding in school, safeguarding at home and a list of useful contacts if you require advice and support. Please also see the safeguarding and child protection policy for further information about how we safeguard children and staff in school.

Term Dates 2023-24

Term 3: Wed 3rd Jan-Fri 9th Feb 2024

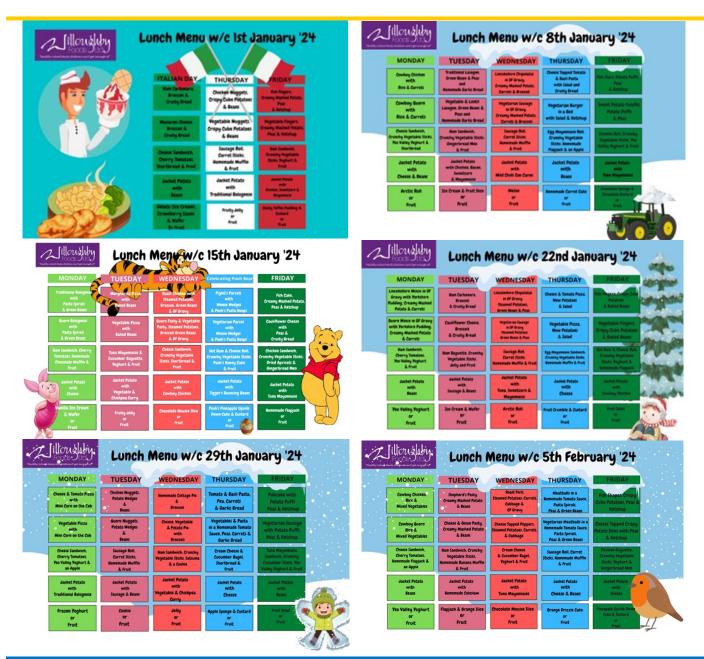
Term 4: Mon 19th Feb—Thurs 28th Mar 2024

Term 5: Tues 16th April—Fri 24th May 2024

Term 6: Mon 3rd Jun-Fri 19th July 2024

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Best wishes Miss Sophie Ingle, Head Teacher



School Meals: Menus for term 3 are available to order via the Willoughby Foods Ltd website www.willoughby-foods.co.uk. Reception and KS1 parents/carers/guardians must order meals di-



rectly from Willoughby Foods Ltd to take up the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) offer. Children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will be ordered an option 1 main meal and an option 1 pudding unless parents log on and amend. **The order deadline for ordering for term 3 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 26th December 2023**. If you haven't ordered meals by this date, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch as the meals delivered to school are the number that are ordered, therefore there are no spare meals available. Menus are also available to view on the school website.

Free School Meals: To apply for Free School meals please see the 'about' page on our school website where you will find a link as well as a step by step guide to the application process.

Cool Milk: Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit https:/www.coolmilk.com/register.