



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 26.1.24

Good afternoon,

Last year I got a save the date for a wedding for some friends of mine. It may not yet be the official invitation, but I was still excited when I got it. I'm looking forward to celebrating with my friends and loved ones for the day, all dressed up having fun. It got me thinking about what it means to be invitational.

We talk about being invitational a lot in regards to Collective Worship. What does it mean to be invitational in Collective Worship? Well, like a wedding invitation, an invitation to participate in collective worship should be offered to everyone loved and valued by the hosts; in fact, it should encourage everyone to join in because they matter. My friends are inviting everyone they care for, even though some of their invited guests might not approve of the idea of marriage or might not love the idea of a church wedding or might feel horrified at the idea of having to join in the dancing at the reception afterwards: they are invited because they matter. My friends will then do whatever they can to make sure that the wedding is something everyone can enjoy and participate in honestly and authentically.

In the same way, collective worship in school is an invitation for everyone because everyone matters. It is invitation that draws on our relationships with each other as members of the school community and reassures each person that they can join in exactly as they are. I'm sure that when I go to my friend's wedding, there will be parts that I choose to participate in and parts that either I choose not to be involved in or are not specifically for me. Collective worship is the same: some of the adults and children may not feel comfortable praying or perhaps don't believe in what is being shared; however, there should be a place for everyone to be involved in some way. Indeed, it is important that they are there because they are part of the collective whole of the school community; if they were not there, their voice would be missing and the whole school community would lose out. Collective worship in our school should be an opportunity for each person – adult and child – to explore something bigger than themselves, to have an opportunity to consider Christian teachings and the relevance they may or may not hold to our lives, and to bring with them their own beliefs, values and lived experience as part of their spiritual growth. No assumptions, just invitations because each person matters.

Attendance

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. This term we have dropped to 95.2% I know that this term brings chilly weather and wet mornings, which in turn means more colds and coughs are about, however, if your child has a cold, they should still be in school please.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Dr Chris Whitty released this statement via the DfE this week:

"It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above."

If you need any help with attendance, please come and speak to us as we will help in any way that we can.

Home School Agreement

Thank you to all those parents who have already completed the Home School Agreement 2023-24 form on ParentMail. If you haven't completed it, please take the time to do so, as without permission, your child/ren will not be included in the Tempest class photos that will be taken on Wednesday 7th February 2024.

Cosy Corner Shed

The Halmer Harriers raised £500 pounds for us at the 10K and were originally going to donate this to Brainbow. However, it appears that the money would go into one big pot at Addenbrookes rather than direct to them. Therefore, they have suggested a cosy corner shed for the playground, so it is a permanent fixture in school and can be a warm, snug space for children to enjoy on the playground. It will be called "Chatterton's Corner". If anyone has a contacts or works with sheds etc and could help with this then I would be really grateful.

Bookmark Wishlist

We are constantly trying to update our school Library so the children have the opportunity to read new and exciting books. With this in mind, Mrs S has sourced a 'Book Wish List' It has been created by our local book shop 'Bookmark' in Spalding. They have been extremely kind and made an area on their website where you can click on a book and purchase it online and have also offered us a discount. We felt it was not only important to purchase new books for our children but also support a local small business. When a few books have been purchased they will then contact Mrs S to go and collect them. If you would feel like you would like to purchase a book for our Library or know someone that would like to then please follow the link below.

<https://uk.bookshop.org/lists/st-bartholomew-s-ce-primary-school-wishlist?>

Thank you so much for your continued support.



Working Party

Due to the current economic climate, we are looking for ways to cut down on costs over the year. We currently spend a reasonable amount of money each month for the upkeep of the school playing fields and hedges. We are looking to source our own ride on lawn mower for our wonderful caretaker to use for the grassed areas. In addition, we wondered if anyone would be prepared to join a working party 3 times a year to cut the hedges. If you think that you could help with this, please email the office and let them know. Every little helps! Thank you!

Please be aware that afterschool chess club will not run during term 4, however, keep an eye out as it is a club that we hope will start up again in September. Breakfast and After School clubs for term 4 are now available to book via ParentMail.

Take care, Miss Ingle

School worship

Dear God, I come before You with a heavy heart, seeking a renewal of my faith and hope. Help me to see the possibilities that lie ahead and trust in Your divine purpose for my life. May Your hope shine brightly in my heart and guide my steps. In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen

Bible verse of the week

Romans 15:13

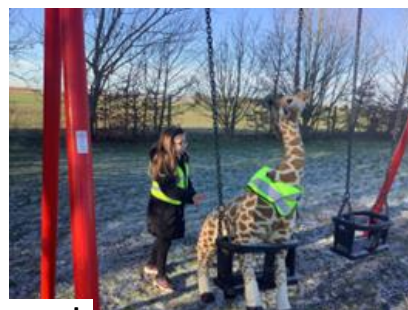
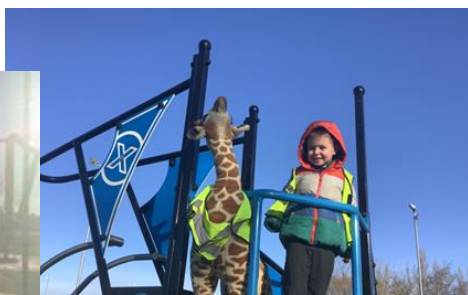
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 26.1.2024	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Apple Class	Ella	Harriet
Palm Class	Tommy E	Tommy-Lee
Oak Class	Bladen	Aubree
Willow Class	Leah Ba	Crystal

Attendance winner of the week

Willow Class are the attendance winners of the week and will receive the reward of taking Gerald to the park at playtime one day next week.



Palm Class were the Attendance Winners of the week (News in School 12.1.24) and were rewarded with a playtime in the park with Gerald!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
7 th February 2024		Class Photos
7 th February 2024	3.15-4.30pm	PTFA Valentine Disco
16 th February 2024		Year 5 Girls: 11+ Registration closes for Spalding High School
1 st March 2024		Year 5 Boys: 11+ Registration closes for Spalding Grammar School
7 th March 2024		World Book Day (more details to follow)
15 th March 2024		Red Nose Day (more details to follow)
25 th March 2024	3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evening
26 th March 2024	3.30-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
26 th April 2024		Year 1 – Learn2Ride course
15 & 16 th May 2024		Year 5 – L1 & 2 Bikeability
26-28 th June 2024		Year 6 Residential - Ravenstor

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/Reminders

PE Timetable Term 3:

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

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.

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!

£34.21 raised since September 2023

Willoughby
Foods Ltd
"Healthy School Meals children can't get enough of"

Space Day

Thursday 22nd February

(Order by Tuesday 13th February)



**Meteoric
Meatballs
Rice & Carrots**

**Shooting Star
Cookie**

For our full menu and to place an order please visit
www.willoughby-foods.co.uk

Willoughby
Foods Ltd
"Healthy School Meals children can't get enough of"

Friday 15th March

(Order by Tuesday 5th March)



**Fish Fingers
Crispy Cube Potatoes
Baked Beans**

Red Nose Dessert

For our full menu and to place an order please visit

www.willoughby-foods.co.uk



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLimsy AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

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WHAT'S ON?

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

12TH FEBRUARY **INFLATABLE FUN DAY** **PETER PAINE SPORTS CENTRE**

12TH FEBRUARY **FOOTBALL FUN DAY** **PINCHBECK EAST PRIMARY**

12TH – 16TH FEBRUARY **SPORTS CAMP** **WYGATE PARK ACADEMY**

14TH FEBRUARY **SEN STAY & PLAY** **PETER PAINE SPORTS CENTRE**

14TH – 15TH FEBRUARY **SPORTS CAMP** **SOUTH VIEW PRIMARY**

16TH FEBRUARY **INFLATABLE FUN DAY** **SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL**

16TH FEBRUARY **FOOTBALL FUN DAY** **PETER PAINE SPORTS CENTRE**



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ELITE SPORTS ACADEMY
SPORTS CAMP
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

WYGATE PARK ACADEMY
WITHAM RD, SPALDING, PE113WT

MONDAY 12th - FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

9AM TILL 3PM = £20
EXTRA TIME (3 TILL 4PM)
£4.50 PER DAY



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