

St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



News in school 8.3.24

Good afternoon,

We have had the most wonderful last two days. We have celebrated books from other cultures, learnt new languages and looked at the beliefs and rituals from other nationalities. Our children have been accepting, inquisitive and enthusiastic and it has been incredible to see them shining their lights in

so many different ways.



The children have been to Germany, India, Kenya and Poland to celebrate World Book Day. They have read stories, spoken different languages and taken part in lots of fun activities.

Can I please remind parents not to let their children scoot down the driveway into school. This is very dangerous as vehicles are in and out of the school making deliveries at all times of the day.

Last term we invited children, families and staff to send in (enquiries@stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk) their photos to add to our board which displays our 50 things to do before we are 11 ¾/leave St Bart's. Some of the wishes we are able to complete as a school/class but we would love to see what our children are doing outside of school too. We look forward to hearing about the adventures our children are having! Here are some ideas:

Write a book
Spend the day on the beach
Whole school sleep over
Learn to play a musical instrument
Toast marshmallows on a camp fire
Participate in a camp fire sing-a-long
Participate in a school gymnastic competition
Have a tour around a football stadium
Feed a lamb
Go fishing

Attend a music concert

Ride a horse along a beach

Visit Buckingham Palace

Have a meal at a restaurant

Visit Big Ben and hear it ring

Complete a sponsored run

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Visit a sealife centre

Make something out of wood

Visit a theme park

Visit a university

Perform a solo

Visit a Museum

Splash at a water park

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The following link provides more ideas to set your children free: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do

We hope that you have a wonderful, relaxing and family filled weekend.

Take care, Miss Ingle

School worship

Father in heaven, I stand before You today in Your omnipotent presence to ask that You grant me strength. I want You to give me the strength to power through all of the tasks today — whether little or big. It is by Your will that I live oh Lord.

Amen

Bible verse of the week

Matthew 6: 14-15

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Attendance winner of the week

Palm 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.

Church News

There will be a Mothering Sunday Service at St Bartholomew's Church on 10th March at 11am. We will be giving thanks for Mothers, and those who care for us, everywhere. There will be a bunch of flowers for you to give to your Mother, and refreshments after the Service. All welcome.

West Pinchbeck Church Ladies Club meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm. Jane Pearson will be updating us on the plans to bring the remains of Matthew Flinders back to Donnington Church. Of course, Matthew Flinders was originally from Donnington, so a bit of local history. This is an open meeting and all are welcome, male and female. Visitors just £2.50 including refreshments.

Arrangements are beginning for the Flower Festival in St Bartholomew's Church from 1st - 6th May inclusive. If you would like to try an arrangement, or can help in any other way, please contact Wendy Houghton, 01775 640296. Any help would be much appreciated.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	
15 th March		Red Nose Day (see details below)	
19 th March		Willow Class – Easter Cracked	
20 th March	3.15-4.30pm	Easter Disco (form on ParentMail)	
25 th March	3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evening (book via ParentMail)	
26 th March	3.30-6.30pm	Parents' Evening (book via ParentMail)	
28 th March	2.15pm	Easter Church Service (collection Village Hall)	
16 th April		Reception 2024 place offer day	
16 th April		Palm trip to Woolsthorpe Manor	
26 th April		Year 1 – Learn2Ride course	
15 & 16 th May		Year 5 – L1 & 2 Bikeability	
26-28 th June		Year 6 Residential - Ravenstor	
16 th July	9-4.30pm	Whole School Trip	

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 4:

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

<u>Red Nose Day</u> takes place on Friday 15th March 2024. We are asking for donations of £1 in exchange for wearing red for the day.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 25th March (3.30-5.30pm) and Tuesday 26th March (3.30-6.30pm). Please make an appointment via ParentMail by clicking on the Parents' Evening tab. If you require any help, please click on the help tab, followed by Applications and Parents' Evening Manager. Following Parents' Evening, you will receive a questionnaire regarding your experience and also asking how you travel to school. We would be very grateful if you could complete this on ParentMail.

Easter

The Easter Service will take place on Thursday 28th March at 2.15pm at St Bartholomew's Church. The children will be dismissed from the Village Hall at 3.15pm. KS1 will be dismissed from the blue door and KS2 from the kitchen door as before.

The PTFA will be holding their Easter Disco on Wednesday 20th March (3.15-4.30pm). If you wish for your child to attend, please complete the form via ParentMail and send money, in a named envelope, to the school office.

The PTFA will also be doing an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at the beginning of the week.

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. If you need any help with attendance, please come and speak to us as we will help in any way that we can. Dr Chris Whitty released this statement via the DfE: "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."

Book Wish List

We are constantly trying to update our school Library so the child 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 feel like you would like to purchase a book for our Library, or know someone that would like to, then please follow this link:

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

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!

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!

£36.98 raised in the last 30 Days!



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes.

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit national college.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TEKKEN 8

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.



FUTURE SPENDING?

Takken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game: unlike many high-profile releases. Takken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.



With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a lighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartonnish in its execution and lacking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on a poponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, The Dark Awakens', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to have been areast.

RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes — most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and — while the challenge can be fun — some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

ONLINE CONTACT

ekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but player's platform ID is visible (such as their layStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox amertag). Rival players can, therefore, reach ut via messages if they wish. Given the game's ercely competitive nature, these ommunications can potentially put children at six of online abuse if their opponent is a articularly sore loser.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and kickboxing. Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

if a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

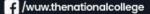




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PINCHBECK CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

A FUN FAMILY QUIZ WITH A TWIST!

PLUS, THE JUDGING AND SELECTION OF OUR CARNIVAL ROYALTY FOR 2024

PINCHBECK VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 15th MARCH

DOORS OPEN AT 6.45 P.M – JUDGING STARTS AT 7.15PM

Competition open to Boys & Girls
Entries taken on the night.

Categories: Ages 10 – 16 8 – 9 6 – 7

To enter the competition you must either live, go to school or belong to an organisation in Pinchbeck or Pinchbeck West and be available on the following dates, 5th May, 11th May & 8th June.

RAFFLE

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS TEA/COFFEE/SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE & V-CANDY SWEET STALL