

# **St Bartholomew's CE Primary School**





Good afternoon,

It has certainly made a pleasant change to witness the sunshine peeking out this week, in time for the wonderful Flower Festival taking place at St Bartholomew's Church. Each class has had a turn at walking up to the church to have a look at the beautiful flowers and stalls. Apple Class had a brilliant time choosing some items for their provision in the classroom! Some members of Oak Class



also had the opportunity of designing the display for the Festival. What a wonderful contribution to our community. Well done!

I'd like to say thank you to our House Captains and Mrs Peach for organising our first sporting House competition. It has been lovely to watch children from all year groups taking part in a football tournament this week. Well done to everyone that has taken part.

Our school shop is now fully stocked and will be opening its doors next week. Thank you to our bank managers for setting up the banking system. We can't wait to see what the children purchase with the well earned shines!

Last week Miss Ingle asked for any parents to come forward who would like to help with holding a careers event at school to raise aspirations. Miss Ingle has had an amazing offer from a development Chef and would love to be able to include many more. Please do contact Miss Ingle if you feel that you could contribute.

Our PTFA is meeting this week and we have family bingo and our Summer concert coming up. Keep your eyes peeled for dates and booking!

A reminder that Miss Ingle and Mr Callow will be in the hall to answer questions on the new class structure next Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, at 2:30.

### Sports News

The Netball Season has now finished. We would just like to thank Mrs Barnard for sharing her time and expertise with the Netball team and Miss Cox. The team has gone from strength to strength! Swimming has begun for all classes so please check the timetable for when your child is swimming and ensure that they have all that they need. In further news, the football season has one more fixture left. Well done to the football team for all their commitment and hard work! Taking over from the football is the Kwik Cricket tournaments so watch this space...

### Have your say on childcare in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire County Council are undertaking a parental survey to assess the need for childcare across Lincolnshire. This is part of a wider annual assessment of the Childcare Sufficiency in Lincolnshire, where childcare providers are also consulted. Please click on the link or scan the bar code and you will be taken directly to the survey. The survey closes on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.





www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childcaresurvey2024

Take care. Mrs Davison

### School worship

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.

Amen Romans 15:13

### Bible verse of the week

### Psalm 28:7:

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore, my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him."

### **Celebrated this week in Collective Worship**

w/e 3.5.2024	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Apple Class	Dylan F	Lola
Palm Class	Thomas	Sidney
Oak Class	Lyla	Connor
Willow Class	Olivia	Yadhavi

# Attendance winner of the week

Apple Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park with Gerald during playtime one day next week.

# **Dates for Your Diary**

Date	Time	Event		
15 & 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 5 – L1 & 2 Bikeability		
24 <sup>th</sup> May		End of Term 5		
21 <sup>st</sup> June		Order deadline for uniform orders for Sept '24		
1-3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Year 6 Residential - Castleton		
16 <sup>th</sup> July	9-4.30pm	Whole School Trip		
Please be aware that Lincolnshire County Council have amended the term dates for 2024-25. Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 is now an Inset Day and Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.				

# Church News

St Bartholomew's Church will be open for the Flower Festival from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4.30pm daily. Refreshments throughout, plus stalls selling books, plants and bric-a-brac. If you are able to offer any help, including on refreshments, it would be very much appreciated, even for an hour or so. Please contact Wendy Houghton, 07946 052418. Thank you.

Flower Festival Praise Service: 3rd May (7pm). St Bartholomew's Flower Festival: 1-6th May.

**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.

### Village Hall

The members of the village hall have asked if we can please complete the below survey to receive our opinions on what we would like to see happening at the village hall.

Link to survey : <u>https://forms.office.com/e/aWEgbQkSAu</u>

### Any Other Information/Reminders

<u>PE Timetable Term 5</u> :			
	Outdoor PE	Swimming	
Apple	Wednesday	Monday	
Palm	Tuesday	Friday	
Oak	Monday	Thursday	
Willow	Friday	Tuesday	

### **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!



