



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



**"Let your light shine"**

***News in school***

***11.10.24***

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day. Talking about our mental health can help us cope better with life's ups and downs. So, on World Mental Health Day and beyond it, why not check in with your friends, family, peers, or colleagues? This year's theme set by the World Federation of Mental Health is **workplace mental health**. The theme highlights the importance of addressing mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, for the benefit of people, organisations, and communities.

I try and thank my staff as often as I can to let them know that I appreciate everything that they do for our school. I see how hard they work and how dedicated they are. Finding the balance between work and life can be hard when you work in a school and on Thursday, I encouraged my staff to put themselves first sometimes. As part of looking after their wellbeing, they have been offered a day off, which they can take at any point throughout the year to make time for themselves. I hope that this goes a little way to helping them realise their worth and the impact that they have on the children that they work with.

### **Panto**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be travelling as a school to the South Holland Centre to see the pantomime Snow White. Please complete the form, via ParentMail, to indicate that your child will be attending, and their choice of interval treat. Payment can be made via ParentMail.

### **After School Clubs**

Please be aware that due to staffing, there will be no after school care on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Breakfast Club and After School clubs for term 2 are now available to book via ParentMail.

### **Nursery Update**

Unfortunately, the company who were looking to build on site have decided not to proceed due to funds. I am meeting with the Sustainability and Development Consultant for Early Years and Childcare next week to look at alternatives. I know that this is not the news that you wanted to hear. Please be assured that I am trying very hard to get provision in place.

### **Sci Fest Week**

Every year we have Sci Fest in school. There are different sessions each year. This week Nightingale class had Zoo Lab, Darwin class had Animals UK and Franklin had Dr Ken – an environmental expert. The children have had a fabulous time and even held a snake longer than the classroom!

### **Dogs**

Animals are loved by all at St Barts and wherever we can safely have animals in to give the children new experiences we try to. However, we are starting to get many dogs in the playground and some of our children and adults are not comfortable with this. Therefore, please can I insist that no dogs are brought into the school gates when dropping off and picking up. I am aware that this may seem hypocritical as Monty is in the office, but he is undergoing Pets As Therapy Training. I hope you understand. Thank you.

### **Glue**

Please can I ask that you check your child's glue stick and ensure that they have one in their pencil case ready for use during lessons. Thank you.

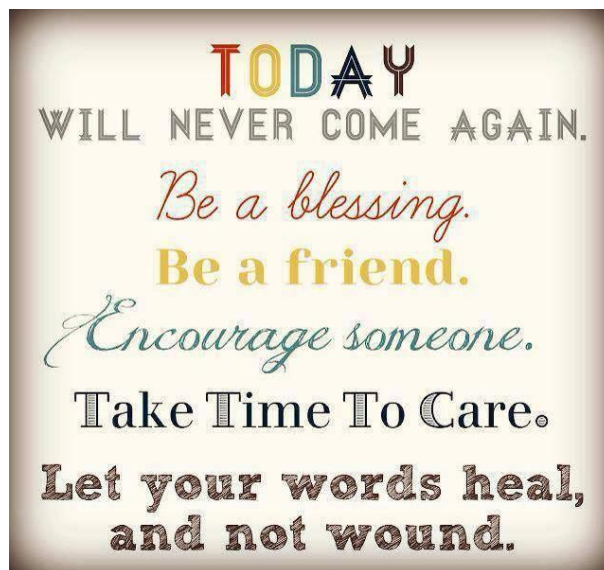
Thank you and take care  
Miss Ingle

## ***Bible verse of the week***

### **Colossians 3:13**

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

## ***School worship***



## **Attendance winner of the week**

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

## **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.

**Children's Society Coffee Morning:** This will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12 noon at West Pinchbeck Village Hall. There will be refreshments, a raffle, cakes, books, wood turned items. For more information, please contact Philippa Peach (07771 733097).

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
17 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15-4.30pm	<a href="#">PTFA Welcome Disco</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024		Term 1 Ends
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024		Term 2 Begins
15 <sup>th</sup> November		Children in Need Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	6-8pm	<a href="#">PTFA Family Bingo</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	6pm	Nightingale Nativity
4 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	Nightingale Nativity
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day £1 for SoLDAS (Women's Refuge)
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Whole School Christmas Lunch (order via Willoughby's)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15-2.30pm	<a href="#">PTFA Christmas Disco</a>
13 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15-5.15pm	<a href="#">PTFA Christmas Fayre</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Time tbc	Parents Evenings
18 <sup>th</sup> December		Whole School Trip – Pantomime South Holland Centre
19 <sup>th</sup> December		Class Christmas Parties
19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15-3.15pm	Christingle Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December		Term 2 Ends
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Term 3 Begins
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Time tbc	Young Chef Valentine's Meal
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Term 3 Ends
24 <sup>th</sup> February		Term 4 Begins
6 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
16 <sup>th</sup> March	10 – 12 noon	<a href="#">PTFA Car Boot Sale</a>
21 <sup>st</sup> March		Red Nose Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.15-4.15pm	<a href="#">PTFA Easter Disco</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> April		Term 4 Ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> April		Term 5 Begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Time tbc	Parents Evenings
17 <sup>th</sup> May	6-8pm	<a href="#">PTFA Family meal and quiz night</a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> May		Term 5 Ends
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Term 6 Begins
27 <sup>th</sup> June		<a href="#">PTFA Summer Fayre</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6-7pm	Year 5/6 Summer Production
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Time tbc	Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Time tbc	<a href="#">PTFA Year 6 Leavers BBQ &amp; whole school disco</a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15am	Leavers' Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Term 6 Ends

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

## Book Wish List

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 Szydłowski 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 Szydłowski to go and collect them. If you feel 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?>



Bookmark have informed us that if you select a book from our list on their website and buy via the website then a delivery cost will be added. If you see a book you would like to purchase please email them directly or call the shop. They will then have the books delivered to the shop for free and it will be collected from them.

## Health Care Plans

In order that we can provide the necessary care required to those children who have on-going health care needs, we require parents to complete a 'Health Care Plan' form via ParentMail. This document is used to detail the on-going health issues and, if applicable, the medication that each child requires. If you haven't done so already and your child has health care needs, please complete the form via ParentMail. Thank you to those parents who have already completed their child's Health Care Plan.


## Attendance

All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. At the end of our first week, our Year to Date attendance sits at 96.44%. 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."*

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Attendance

### Supporting you to understand the new rules




A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from 19th August 2024.

**What are these changes?**

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued.


This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.



**First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

**£160** per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.



**Second Offence**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

**£160** per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

**Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:  
[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)

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### PE/Swimming Timetable Term 1:

	PE	Swimming
Nightingale	Monday	Wednesday
Darwin	Thursday	Tuesday
Franklin	Friday	Thursday

### 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.**

### Pencil Cases

Please remember to ask your child regularly if they require anything replenishing, especially glue sticks, which are frequently used items.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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!

**£74.28 raised in the last quarter**

### **Term Dates 2024-25**

Term 1: 4th Sept—18th Oct 2024  
Term 2: 29th Oct—19th Dec 2024  
Term 3: 6th Jan—14th Feb 2025  
Term 4: 24th Feb—4th April 2025  
Term 5: 23rd April— 23rd May 2025  
Term 6: 2nd June—22nd July 2025



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

## 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

## 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

## 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000°C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

## 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

## 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

## 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

## 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

## 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

## 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

## 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

## Meet Our Expert

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