



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



**"Let your light shine"**

***News in school***

***4.10.24***

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

In Acts 2 v 42 we hear how, after Pentecost, the fellowship of believers came together. They were 'devoted to the teaching of the apostles, sharing bread together and fellowship. They had everything in common.'

To strengthen our communities, we need to help everyone understand what they have in common and the common space they share. It is about having wisdom, knowledge and understanding, but this goes far beyond the academic curriculum.

Strengthening communities comes about through shared values; through our relationships with one another and through actively seeking hope in our lives and those of others.

To strengthen our communities, we need to support everyone to understand differences; to think differently; to disagree well and to show forgiveness and respect.

Our school is already a place where we hold much in common. We work together, learn together, eat and play together. We share common visions rooted in Christian faith and values. This gives us a strong platform on which to build hope. Perhaps this week you might like to reflect on the different ways in which you can strengthen our communities with hope.

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our Harvest with us on Monday. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Houghton for her wonderful support as always. The generous donations have been delivered to AGAPE and we hope that it can help as many people as possible in our community.

### **KIT**

The PE and Swimming rota for classes is published in our newsletter each week and the children are reminded weekly by their class teacher. However, we have still got many children forgetting one or both. From now on, we will not be ringing home to ask for parents to bring in forgotten kit. Children who forget their kit will take part as a non-participant. Please help your child to remember their kit on the days required to ensure they can take part as fully and frequently as possible.

## **Fun Run**



Thank you so much to the families that came to support our FunRun on Sunday it really meant a lot. One of my dearest friends died in March at the age of 35. She had type 1 diabetes and died suddenly. Any money raised, will be split between diabetes UK and reading books for school.

Well done to Oliver Clarke who was a winner!

It was disappointing that so many who signed up didn't turn up on the day. The event takes lots of organisation and time. Due to the numbers this year, it will not go ahead next year.

## **Purchasing A Smart phone for a child?**

Is it the right time to get my child a Smart phone? This is something the LCC Online Safety Officer is asked a lot especially by Primary School Parents. A new film by the charity Nip in the Bud discusses the hidden dangers of social media and smartphone use among children. If you are considering getting your child a phone we would urge you to watch the film here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zhfd0jW7iY&t=605s> the film provides insights from children, headteachers and doctors, shedding light on the everyday harm caused by digital platforms.

### **Key facts:**

- 90% of 11-year-olds own a smartphone, and most under 13 have a social media profile.
- 90% of girls and 50% of boys have received explicit pictures or videos they didn't want to see.
- 80% of teenage girls are pressured to provide sexual images of themselves.
- 1 in 5 children have been bullied online. Among them, 24% self-harm and 22% change their appearance due to bullying. Only 13% delete the app where they are bullied.
- Boys as young as 13 have been targeted for sextortion scams.
- MRI scans show screen time reduces brain areas responsible for visual processing, empathy, attention, memory and early reading skills.
- Psychologists, headteachers and GPs are advocating for stricter guidelines: no smartphones until age 14, no social media until age 16

You can read more information here which provides more options to consider around technology prior to purchasing smartphones for children. [Smartphones and social media fact sheet](#) | [Nip in the Bud](#) | [Free Downloadable Fact Sheet](#)

Take care  
Miss Ingle

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

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

**Psalm 25:4-5**

## ***School worship***



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

w/e 04.10.24	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Nightingale	Clio	Joseph
Darwin	Sid and Felicity	Ella R and Evelyn
Franklin	Teodor	Emilia

## ***Attendance winner of the week***

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

# 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)



# 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.

**Macmillan Afternoon:** This will take place at Black Hole Drove, West Pinchbeck on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm. For more information, please contact Janet Iszatt (07443220149) who is hosting this event. There will be refreshments, books, wood turned items. All welcome.

**Harvest Lunch:** St Bartholomew's Church & Village Hall are jointly hosting this event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm in West Pinchbeck Village Hall. Hot meats, salads, dessert, tea/coffee for £10 per person, however, please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will also be a raffle. For more information, please contact Wendy (01775 640296) to book a place.

**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
8 <sup>th</sup> October		Darwin Trip to Milton Estate
11 <sup>th</sup> October		Nightingale Trip to the Inkpot
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>
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 child have the opportunity to read new and exciting books. With this in mind, Mrs Szydowski 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 Szydowski 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.**

## 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





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- **A DRINK**

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