



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



"Let your light shine"

News in school

1.11.24

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term. The children have certainly come back full of life and raring to go!

Our school council are currently working within their classes and then holding meetings together to help further improve our shine system and learning behaviours in class. They have some fabulous ideas, and I look forward to meeting with them next week to hear all about the information they have gathered and help them to devise a plan moving forward. Thank you for your hard work school council!

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete our SDP questionnaire. There were some lovely comments, and we are all very grateful for your continuing support. I have spent a lot of time looking through each comment carefully and I hope that over the coming weeks, I can address some of the development points raised. With this in mind, I would like to offer a school meeting on Friday 15th November, straight after collective worship. We will hold a creche so that as many parents as possible can attend. Some parents commented that they would like the opportunity to have more input into the school's decisions. Therefore, I will be discussing the preschool plans, library aspirations and highlighting PTFA key events that are coming up so that I can encourage all parents to share the views and offer support where they can.

In addition, parents have asked for phonics, reading and maths workshops. We have run these before and have had a maximum of four parents attend. Therefore, I would like to discuss how we can make these more accessible in order to increase the attendance, so this will also be discussed at the meeting.

Flu vaccinations in the form of a nasal spray were administered this week to those children whose parents had given consent. The School Nursing Team will be back in school on Thursday 21st November to administer the flu vaccination to any child that was absent. If you didn't sign up and would like your child to receive the vaccination in the second session, please click the following link to complete the online form giving consent using our school code: [EE120551 https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme](https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme).

Our whole school Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday 13th December. Please order via the Willoughby Foods website www.willoughby-foods.co.uk. If you do not have a username and password, please contact the school office.

Uniform

Please be aware that our school uniform supplier is having difficulty in sourcing our uniform colours. Any orders made will be fulfilled as soon as we can.

Firework Display Tickets

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Barnett for donating the firework tickets. The money raised will go towards stocking Thomas' Corner.



Thank you and take care
Miss Ingle 😊

Bible verse of the week

John 15:12-15

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

School worship



Attendance winner of the week

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

Every child that has 100% for the week during term 1 had their name put into a 'virtual hat' and one was picked at random by an online spinner at the beginning of this week. Congratulations to our Term 1 winner Tilly, who won a £15 All4One voucher.

Your child will be bringing home their Termly Attendance Summary letter today. This letter informs you of their termly attendance percentage, as well as the number of lates and unauthorised lates received during term 1.



Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 1/11/24	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Nightingale	Nivi	Finley B
Darwin	Thomas St	Oliver C
Franklin	Felix	Lyla

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.

St Bartholomew's Church: On Sunday 3rd November, 3pm. there will be a Memorial Service when you can remember any Family or Friends that are no longer with you. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. All welcome.

A Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 10th November at 10.30am, when we will remember all those who lost their lives in both World Wars, and especially those who came from West Pinchbeck. Please come and join us as we give thanks for their lives, cut short, and the life we are able to live because of their sacrifice. All welcome.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
15 th November		Children in Need Day
21 st November		Flu Vaccination
22 nd November	6-8pm	PTFA Family Bingo
29 th November	time tbc	PTFA putting up Christmas Decorations
3 rd December	6pm	Nightingale Nativity
4 th December	2.30pm	Nightingale Nativity
6 th December		PTFA Non-Uniform day (donations for Christmas Fayre)
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day £1 for SoLDAS (Women's Refuge)
13 th December		Whole School Christmas Lunch (order via Willoughby's)
13 th December	1.15-2.30pm	PTFA Christmas Disco
13 th December	3.15-5.15pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre

16 th & 17 th December	Time tbc	Parents Evenings
18 th December		Whole School Trip – Pantomime South Holland Centre
19 th December		Class Christmas Parties
19 th December	2.15-3.15pm	Christingle Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church
19 th December		Term 2 Ends
6 th January 2025		Term 3 Begins
27 th & 28 th January		Reception: Bikeability Balance Training
3 rd & 4 th February		Year 5: Level 2 Bikeability Training
12 th February	Time tbc	Young Chef Valentine's Meal
14 th February		Term 3 Ends
24 th February		Term 4 Begins
6 th March		World Book Day
16 th March	10 – 12 noon	PTFA Car Boot Sale
21 st March		Red Nose Day
2 nd April	3.15-4.15pm	PTFA Easter Disco
4 th April		Term 4 Ends
23 rd April		Term 5 Begins
23 rd & 24 th April	Time tbc	Parents Evenings
17 th May	6-8pm	PTFA Family meal and quiz night
23 rd May		Term 5 Ends
2 nd June		Term 6 Begins
27 th June		PTFA Summer Fayre
8 th & 9 th July	6-7pm	Year 5/6 Summer Production
13 th July	Time tbc	Sports Day
21 st July	Time tbc	PTFA Year 6 Leavers BBQ & whole school disco
22 nd July	9.15am	Leavers' Service
22 nd 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 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

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PE/Swimming Timetable Term 2:

	PE	Outdoor PE
Nightingale	Monday	Wednesday
Darwin	Thursday	Tuesday

Franklin	Friday	Thursday
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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.

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!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Regularly engaging children in open dialogue fosters trust and emotional expression. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings freely without judgment. Set aside time daily, perhaps during dinner, to ask open-ended questions such as, "What's made you happy today?". This encourages children to express themselves openly.

2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children often learn how to manage emotions by observing adults. By modelling calm and positive responses to challenges, you can teach them valuable emotional management skills. If you've had a difficult day, verbalise how you're feeling and explain how you plan to handle it, such as "I'm a bit worked-up, so I'm going for a walk to clear my mind."

3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

Helping children break down challenges into manageable steps encourages a proactive mindset. Explain that every problem has a solution, even if it's not immediately obvious. For example, if a child is stuck on homework, support them in breaking the task into smaller steps, saying things like "Let's focus on just this first question for now."

4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET

Encourage young people to view mistakes as learning opportunities. A growth mindset helps them see setbacks as part of the process, rather than something to be upset about. After a child loses a game or performs poorly on a test, for example, ask them what they've learned from the experience. This reinforces the idea that effort – and even failure – leads to improvement.

5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES

Teaching children about self-care helps them understand the importance of balancing work with relaxation to maintain emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers could start a screen-free hour before bedtime where the family engages in relaxing activities like reading, setting an example to the child for how to unwind.

6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Strong relationships with peers and adults provide a support system that enhances resilience. Encourage positive, respectful interactions to develop social skills. Playdates or group activities can be instrumental in teaching children how to resolve conflicts with friends by modelling and practicing calm communication.

7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS

Helping children to identify and name their emotions allows them to manage those feelings more effectively. When a child's upset, encourage them to talk to you about what they're feeling in an empathetic and supportive manner, and ask them why they might be experiencing these emotions.

8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Giving children opportunities to make their own decisions boosts confidence and problem-solving skills. A good example of this would be letting children choose and pack their own lunches for school, guiding them with options but allowing them to assume responsibility for the task to help them take ownership.

9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES

Teaching children techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing or journaling can help them to manage stress. Show them how to perform breathing exercises when they're feeling anxious, and practise this regularly. Reinforcing this behaviour in young people will make it easier for them to use these techniques of their own accord during stressful moments.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Recognising effort, no matter how small, reinforces perseverance and encourages children to keep trying. After a child completes a difficult task, makes progress on a project or reaches another type of personal goal, praise their efforts. Emphasise the hard work they've put in and be sure to let them know how proud you are!

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