



## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



**"Let your light shine"**

***News in school***

***8.11.24***

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

This week we have been talking about love in our collective worships. We consider the many different ways that we love and can show love. Through looking at local maps, the UK and the world, we realised that just in our small school, we are able to spread love across the whole of the world.

We can all help the world to have more love. Each day, we have the opportunity to show love to those around us. Christians believe that God loves everyone very much. They believe that God wants this love to spread out to the world through our words and our actions.

Often, our smallest actions have a big effect when they are carried out in love. Our school is full of small acts that contribute to a wonderful feeling of love and community, and I feel very lucky to be here.

Please can I ask parents/carers/guardians to lower their speed when driving in close proximity to the school. I have had complaints from parents and neighbours about cars travelling too fast at the junction of Leaveslake Drove and Six House Bank.

### **Remembrance Service**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am the children will be taking part in a Remembrance Service at the cross outside St Bartholomew's Church. Parents/Carers/Guardians are welcome to join us for this short service.

### **Cycling to School**

If your child wishes to cycle to school, it is your responsibility as parents to make sure that they are safe, however as a school, we have a duty of care. The school has received complaints in person and by phone that children are cycling and can't be seen. Please make sure that if your children cycle to school, they wear Hi-Viz jackets, helmets and have lights on their bikes.

### **School Meeting**

Please do not forget that we have our school meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of November, straight after Family Collective Worship. During the meeting, I will be discussing and asking for thoughts on:

Class structure  
The library  
Pre-school

I read the SDP questionnaire responses thoroughly and hope that this meeting will help to address some of the suggestions highlighted. There is a form on ParentMail for you to complete to confirm your attendance.

### PTFA Family Bingo

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November it is our Family Bingo night. There will be further information and a booking form coming out early next week. Sign up quick so you don't miss out!

### Year R and Year 6 Heights & Weights (NCMP)

A letter has been sent home to Year R and Year 6 parents, via ParentMail, regarding the National Child Measurement Programme. If you wish to opt out of this programme, please follow the information contained in the letter.

### Phonics

Please check out our Phonics tab on our website, where you will find links to the following videos:

- What is RWI Phonics?
- Understanding Phonics
- How to say the Sounds
- Listening to Your Child Read
- 10 Things to Think about When Reading with Your Child
- Sound Blending

There is also a link that takes you to a video that explains the Phonics Screening Check.

### KS2 SATs Week

Please be aware that Year 6 children will be sitting their KS2 SATs tests w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### Term 2 Events

It is always a busy time in school in the run up to Christmas. The children will be busy making decorations to hang on a tree at Spalding Methodist Church, Christmas Cards that will be delivered to many of our neighbours in West Pinchbeck and practicing for the Nativity and Christingle Carol Concert. You will find all our events on our website page, which can easily be added to your own electronic calendars

### Reverse Advent Calendar

We will be running a reverse advent calendar this year and all donations will be sent to Agape Food Bank. A cardboard box will be available every day in December (until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December) in each classroom for your child to add one item during this time. Donation suggestions: Christmas-specific **non-perishable food items**, Christmas crackers, colouring books, stationery, tinned fruit or veg, potatoes, pasta, rice, soup, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, toiletries, baby items.

### Nightingale Nativity

Nightingale will be presenting their Christmas Performance, The Bossy King, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. **We ask that the children return to school for the evening performance, in full uniform at 5.30pm ready for a 6pm start. For those parents not attending the evening performance, please collect your child at 6.30pm from the main entrance.** Tickets are available from the school office. This is a very popular event and therefore entry will not be possible without tickets.

### Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December for a donation of £1 towards the newly named Haven Domestic Abuse Service (previous SoLDAS, Boston Women's Refuge). Christmas jumpers can be shop bought or home decorated. If anyone would like to donate any Christmas jumpers that their children have grown out of, we would be happy to receive them in school.

### Whole School Christmas Lunch

The whole school will be sitting down to Christmas Lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch, please order via Willoughby Foods Ltd by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3pm. The menu is on the school meal tab on our website.

### PTFA Christmas Disco

The PTFA will be holding the Christmas Disco on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm to 2.30pm. There will be no charge for this event, however the children can bring spending money in a named purse and disco clothes to change into.

### PTFA Non-Uniform Day

The PTFA are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre that is being held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm.

### PTFA Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those children who travel home by taxi and attend Afterschool Kids Club will be able to attend with a nominated member of staff from 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

### Parent Evenings

This term we will be holding our parent evenings on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3.30-6.30pm) and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (3.30pm-6pm). Appointments can be made with your child's teacher via ParentMail. Please contact the school office if necessary. Your child's books will be available, in the school hall, for you to peruse before or after your appointment.

### Panto Trip

The whole school will be attending the panto at the South Holland Centre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't done so already, please complete the permission form and make payment via ParentMail.

### Class Parties

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December children are required to bring a 'party food' lunch to enjoy in their classrooms with their class staff. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) please complete the form on ParentMail indicating if you would like a 'party' lunch provided.

### Christingle Carol Service

Our Christingle Carol Service will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm. Children are to be collected at 3.15pm from the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### 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 page.

Thank you and take care

Miss Ingle 😊

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

'I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future'

**Jeremiah 29:11**

## ***School worship***

Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. **Amen**

# 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.

A Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

### *Celebrated this week in Collective Worship*

w/e 8/11/24	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Nightingale	Sebastian	Lola
Darwin	Thomas Sc and David	Clara and Bobby
Franklin	Connor	Leah

## 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](http://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

## 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.

### **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!



# Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> November		Children in Need Day
21 <sup>st</sup> November		Flu Vaccination
22 <sup>nd</sup> November		Whole School Diwali Workshop
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	6-8pm	<a href="#">PTFA Family Bingo</a>
29 <sup>th</sup> November	time tbc	<a href="#">PTFA putting up Christmas Decorations</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> December		Reverse Advent Calendar in aid of Agape Food Bank
3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Franklin Holocaust Workshop
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	6pm	Nightingale Nativity: The Bossy King
4 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	Nightingale Nativity : The Bossy King
6 <sup>th</sup> December		PTFA Non-Uniform day (donations for Christmas Farye)
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Haven Domestic Abuse Service
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
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> January		Reception: Bikeability Balance Training
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> February		Year 5: Level 2 Bikeability Training
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
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATs
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.



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

### 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

### 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

### 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

### 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

### 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

### 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

### 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

### 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

### 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

### 10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

### Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



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