



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



"Let your light shine"

News in school

29.11.24

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

PTFA Bingo

Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported us at the Bingo night last Friday. We are very excited to say that we raised £400 which is fantastic. Both children and adults seemed to have lots of fun and some have requested that we do it again – so watch this space! Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event and giving up their time to run it too. A MASSIVE thank you to Mr S for doing an amazing job as bingo caller!



The Children's Society Collection Cube of Hope

The children will be bringing home a Children's Society Collection Cube today (one per family). Please follow the instructions on how to make the cube and if you have any spare change, please return it in the cube by Monday 16th December 2024. Alternatively, you can make a donation via the QR code on the cube. By making a donation, you're helping to bring hope to the young people who need it most.



**The
Children's
Society**

Nativity

Nightingale Class have been busily and excitedly practising for their Nativity which is on this coming week. If your child is in Nightingale Class, we still have some tickets available! I can't wait to see it as I have caught and heard glimpses and it sounds FABULOUS!!

Methodist Church

On Thursday, I had a wonderful time with a group of children, decorating our school tree in the Methodist church. Our decorations, which were made by every child in school are all along the theme of the hymn "We Three Kings". We have kings, stars and presents. The tree looked beautiful when finished and the children were wonderfully behaved.



Thank you and take care
Miss Ingle 😊

Bible verse of the week

'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'
John 8:12 (NRSV)

School worship

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.
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.

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.

Celebrated this week in Collective Worship

w/e 29/11/24	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Nightingale	Evelyn	Harriet
Darwin	Jaxson and Jack	Rhys and Rosaleigh
Franklin	Emily-Ann	Hollie B

Any Other Information/Reminders

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.

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 16th 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 3rd December at 6pm and Wednesday 4th 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 13th 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 13th December. If you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch, please order via Willoughby Foods Ltd by Tuesday 3rd 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 13th 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 6th December in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre that is being held on Friday 13th December at 3.15pm.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

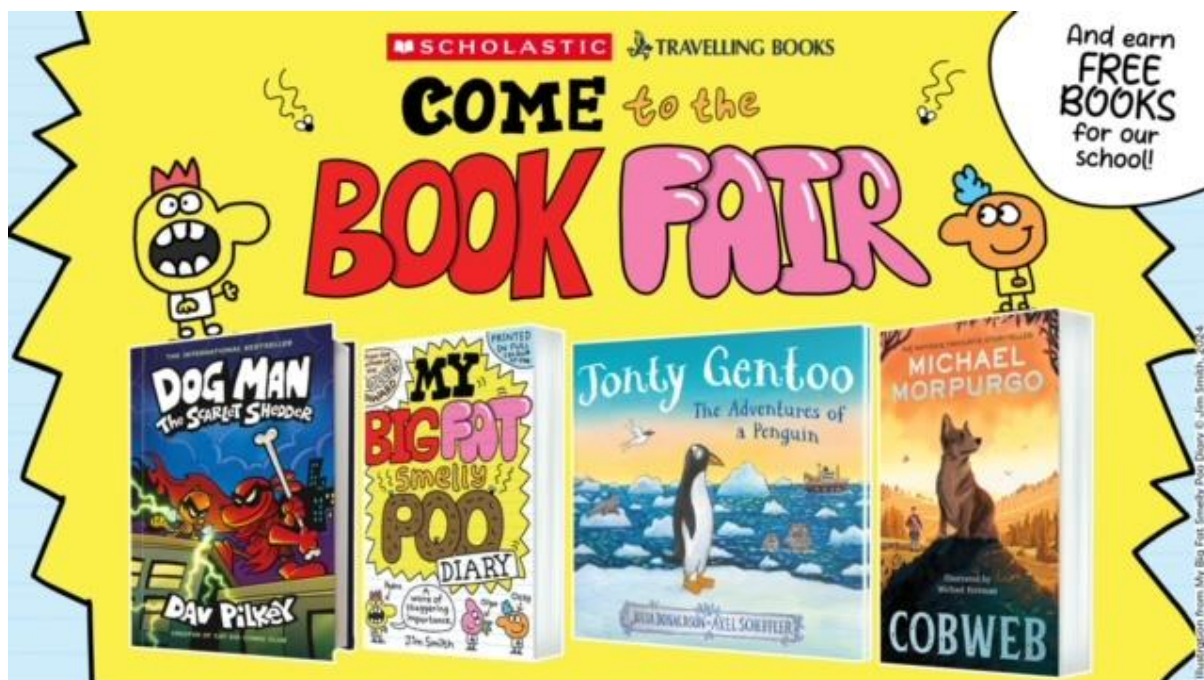
The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 13th December at 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those children who travel home by taxi and attend Afterschool Kids Club will be able to attend with a nominated member of staff from 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

Parent Evenings

This term we will be holding our parent evenings on Monday 16th December (3.30-6.30pm) and Tuesday 17th 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to let you know that the Scholastic Book fair will be back in school on the 11th December. The children will have the opportunity to look at the books and during parents evening the following week you will be able to purchase them. This is a great opportunity to buy books for Christmas. The more books we sell the more free books school receives. This then keeps our vending machine stocked for the children to win during the year. This is a cashless event, so please bring an cashless form of payment ie card, phone. Thank you for your continued support.



Panto Trip

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

Whole School Party

On Thursday 19th December children are required to bring a 'party food' lunch to enjoy in the school hall with 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 Wednesday 18th December at 2.15pm. Children are to be collected at 3.15pm from the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.**

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts"

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

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.

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
1 st December		Reverse Advent Calendar in aid of Agape Food Bank
3 rd December		Franklin Holocaust Workshop
3 rd December	6pm	Nightingale Nativity: The Bossy King
4 th December	2.30pm	Nightingale Nativity : The Bossy King
6 th December		PTFA Non-Uniform day (donations for Christmas Fayre)
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Haven Domestic Abuse Service
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	3.30-6.30/6pm	Parents Evenings
16 th & 17 th December	3.30-6.30/6pm	Scholastic Book Fair
18 th December		Whole School Trip – Pantomime South Holland Centre
19 th December	2.15-3.15pm	Christingle Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church
18 th December		Whole School Christmas Party
19 th December		Term 2 Ends
6 th January 2025		Term 3 Begins
15 th January		Reception 2025 application process closes
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
w/c 12 th May		KS2 SATs
17 th May	6-8pm	PTFA Family meal and quiz night
23 rd May		Term 5 Ends
2 nd June		Term 6 Begins
17 th June	Time tbc	Sports Day
27 th June	Time tbc	PTFA Summer Fayre
8 th & 9 th July	6-7pm	Year 5/6 Summer Production
13 th July	Time tbc	Sports Day
17 th July		Whole School Trip to Lincoln Castle
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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

97
DAYS

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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