



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



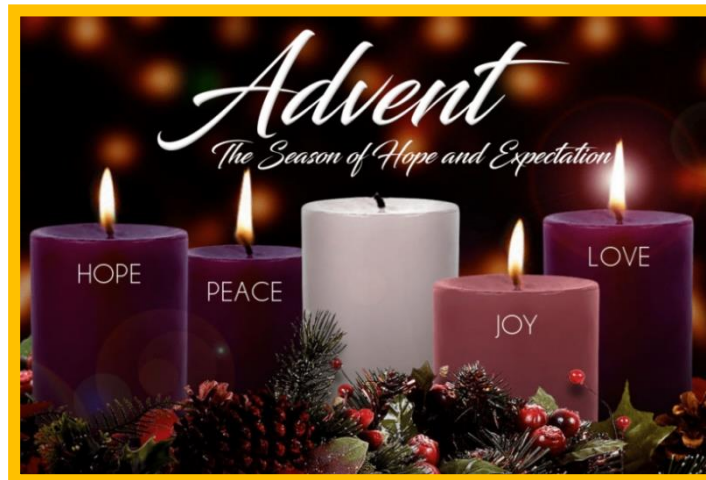
"Let your light shine"

News in school

9.12.24

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We are reminded that the Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. The traditional themes of Advent allow us—through meditation, prayer, and affirmation—to contemplate ways to share our deepest gifts: hope and faith, peace, love, and joy.



We have an exciting few weeks ahead as we prepare for Christmas in school with many celebrations that we hope you will join us for.

I hope that you had a warm, fun-filled and festive weekend and look forward to sharing the final two weeks of term with everyone.

Take care
Miss Ingle

Advent Calendars

A huge thank you to Aphoenix Care for donating an advent calendar to every child and member of staff at St Bart's. This is such a thoughtful, kind and generous offering.

Nightingale Nativity

What a fabulous nativity! The children were absolutely incredible. Their lines were clear, they moved on and off stage brilliantly and their singing and dancing were amazing! Thank you to all of the staff that worked so hard to put such a wonderful show together. Well-done Nightingales!

Assessment (Quiz) Week

This week is assessment week. Throughout the week, we will be using NFER tests and past SAT papers to assess the children's learning so far. Please make sure that you have booked in to parents evening via the Parentmail app, as we will be discussing achievements and next steps and things you could do to support at home, during these meetings.

After School Clubs

Please be aware that chess club has finished for this term. Clubs for term 3 are live and therefore you are able to book places.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Our reverse advent calendar is in full swing and all donations will be sent to Agape Food Bank. Please send any donations to the school office. Our donations will be collected on Monday 16th December. 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.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper this Friday (13th) 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 this Friday (13th).

PTFA Christmas Disco

The PTFA will be holding the Christmas Disco this Friday (13th) 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 Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place this 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.

Bible verse of the week

Romans 15:13:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

School worship



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 6.12.24	Fantastic award	Excellence award
Nightingale	Owen Carter	Elijah Rubin
Darwin	Florrie Thomas	Megan Lea
Franklin	Amara Ainley	Felix Baxter

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.

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.

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.

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.

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,
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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"

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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
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
29 th & 30 th January		Reception: Bikeability Balance Training (date change)
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 MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING APPS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

When looking at options for supporting a child's mental health, the sheer volume can be overwhelming. There are many wellbeing apps available, but unfortunately not all are trustworthy. It's important to evaluate which resources are suitable, reliable and effective. This guide lets you know what to consider before installing such an app, to determine just how useful it's going to be.

QUALITY & RELIABILITY

Mental health apps can be a useful starting point when looking for wellbeing advice and strategies and can be a useful extension to the in-person services available. However, they aren't a substitute. Information on the quality of some of these apps is scarce. They may look cute and child-friendly, but have they been designed by a mental health professional? Furthermore, do they have research to back up their content?

PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON CHILDREN

Some apps add the words 'kids' or 'children' to their title or use cartoon icons to make them more appealing to young people. When signing up for some of these apps, some will speak to the parent directly, saying something along the lines of "Your child is good to go. Let them take it from here". It's important to remain involved in the child's mental health journey, so regular check-ins are recommended.

DISREGARDING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT

Young people who feel anxious and have trouble sleeping may download a mindfulness app to help. While this is a good strategy initially, it's not addressing the root of the problem. A child could simply try managing these symptoms themselves (as opposed to speaking out and seeking professional help), which could potentially worsen their anxiety in the long run.

LACK OF PERSONALISATION

Mental health or wellbeing apps are useful tools for the short term, teaching users several helpful habits to manage their condition – such as keeping an illness diary, improving nutrition and practising mindfulness exercises. As every person is unique – and children especially will grow and develop in different ways – these apps struggle to tailor themselves to users' individual needs. For example, many apps don't distinguish between the ages of users and can offer extremely generic advice.

DATA SECURITY

As with any other app – not just those for mental health and wellbeing – it's wise to check out the privacy policy before downloading it. Some of these applications may share data with third parties for numerous reasons (such as targeted advertisements), and if a user is sharing personal and sensitive information within the app, they probably don't want it ending up elsewhere without their consent.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Many apps will provide their most basic features for free but will require you to pay for other aspects – such as a more tailored experience or access to additional resources. This could be a one-off fee or a regular subscription. Consider whether this is actually required. Is it benefiting the child, or could they receive the same support from a medical professional?

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK THE CREDIBILITY OF THE APP

Before you download a mental health and wellbeing app, investigate the developers. Have they consulted with qualified mental health professionals to create their resource? Also check whether the app is affiliated with any government or mental health organisations, as these are solid indicators of legitimacy. Reviews can also be a useful signpost to the app's quality. There are many good apps out there, but there are just as many that miss the mark.

SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Trusted mental health and wellbeing apps designed by qualified, reputable organisations can be used alongside the personalised advice and support of fully trained professionals. These apps should never be considered a substitute for counselling or other tailored medical help. If you have real concerns about a child's mental wellbeing, you should seek appropriate advice from a suitable source, such as their GP – or Childline, who can be contacted by calling 0800 1111.

READ THE PRIVACY POLICY

Look into the app's terms of service – especially its privacy policy. Do so by yourself first, then go over it with the child who is considering using the app, to ensure they know what data will be collected and how exactly it will be used. Use all of this information to make an educated decision on whether or not to download that particular app.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Mental health and wellbeing apps can be useful for writing down feelings, tracking your own health and other such activities. These can help if the problem is short-term and temporary – such as a child getting stressed about approaching exams – or if you're currently waiting for professional support. Nonetheless, it is important that children aren't solely reliant on the app and have a safe space to talk about their feelings and experiences in the real world.

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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