

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Pangolin Class Assembly

It's the time of year when we have our class assemblies where the children share their learning with the rest of the school and their parents/carers. The brilliant Pangolin class started us off last week and were excellent! They shared what they had learnt about Greek Gods through their careful research and some of them even dressed as Greek Gods. In their music lessons, they had written new words to a song and shared that with their audience!

"It was nice that the children watching joined in with our song." Josie

"Our song, which we re-wrote the lyrics to, was epic." Nardos

"Miss Heath made very good costumes with Froggie." Sabawoon

Well done Pangolin Class - you got us off to a great start!

Penguin Class Assembly

Today saw the turn of the Penguins to share their learning with us. They shared some brilliant, descriptive writing and poetry based on the book Beegu – there was some amazing writing that the children had done. Penguin Class have also been learning about the world and shared songs and facts about the continents and oceans – their knowledge was excellent. They performed with such joy and confidence – well done Penguin Class!



Film Night

Thank you to all of you who bought tickets to our Film Night recently – another fun night was had by all! A huge thank you also to our parents who organised the refreshments with little input from the school. Parent help makes these events possible. We don't have another Film Night planned over the summer as I know people like to enjoy the fresh air after school, but I am sure Film Night will be back in the Autumn Term – parental help willing!

Attendance Awards



This week saw our very belated attendance awards for last half term and we had 62 children in the hall to play Bingo! A tremendous time was had by all and there were prizes for everyone! Thank you, Miss Banks, for organising this and to the adults that helped with ticking numbers off for some of our younger children.



'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

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Parent Survey

You may remember that in our Parents Evening, we asked you to complete a survey. The results have been collated and I am so pleased that the response was overwhelmingly positive – thank you!

	Agree or Strongly Agree %
My child is happy in school.	97.1
My child feels safe in school.	100
The staff look after my child well.	100
My child enjoys books/reading at home.	91.1
I enjoy listening to my child read/watching them enjoy books at home.	97.1
A 'Help Your Child to Read' workshop in school would be helpful to me.	83.1
My child is well taught at school.	100
My child makes good progress in school.	100
My child's class teacher is approachable.	100
My child's class teacher knows them well.	100
My child's class teacher makes time to talk to me if I have a problem.	98.5
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	95.6
A large majority of the children in my child's class are well behaved in school.	94
The school deals with bullying well.	96.7

Some of the positive comments included:

"St. Bartholomew's have been very welcoming to my children, especially with them starting half way through the year. Also the amount they have learnt since attending is outstanding."

"We are very happy with our child's move to St. Bartholomew's and thank you for making him very welcome."

"My children love the school and are doing really well. Such a great, friendly school."

"Teachers are amazing and deal with any concerns and makes my child happy to attend school."

"My children enjoy school. I am very pleased with the progress my child has made in the time they have been at the school. They are happy and fulfilled and have made a good network of friends."

We also noted that some support with helping children to read at home would be appreciated as would some advice and structure around homework. We hope to put these in our development plan for next year.

Thanks to all of you who completed the survey – it's very much appreciated!

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Jaguar Class Reward Visit to Preston Park



Jaguar Class visited Preston Park this week because they had received all their Class Points. The children had a great time and were fabulous representatives of our school. Thanks to the staff and volunteers who enabled this to happen.



Staffing News

Miss Beavis has been working on a professional qualification over the last 2 years and found out that she passed her National Professional Qualification for Leading Teacher Development – well done Miss Beavis! These are brand new qualifications and she was one of the very first cohorts to take part. We are really pleased for her!

Miss Charlton has secured a new job working in the Attendance Team at the Local Authority – she is passionate about children's attendance at school so will be an asset to their team. We will, of course, be very sorry to see her go. Her last day will be Friday 16th June. Over the remainder of the summer term, Mrs Wulitich, Mrs Foster and some others will be covering where we can. We request you are patient with us and understand that we are not at full capacity. We will be advertising a new office role, hopefully for a September start – if this is something you would be interested in, do please look out for the advert.

Church School

School Mass

The dates School Mass for pupils in Koala Class, Red Panda Class, Pangolin Class and Jaguar Class for next term are the 15th June and 20th July - you are all welcome to join us. Please meet your child's class outside the school office and walk down to the church with them. If your child's class is not going to Mass but you would still like to join us, you would be very welcome.

Reminders and Notices

Summer Fair

We are hoping to have a summer Fair on Friday 30th June, straight after school. We will send more details after half term and again, if you can help out, please do let us know!

Girlguiding UK

Please forgive my sharing something that isn't directly related to our school. Some of you may know that my other passion in life (after working in schools) is volunteering for Girlguiding UK by running a Brownie unit. Mrs Pacey is also a very active member of Girlguiding UK and runs her own Brownie unit. Like many charities and businesses, funding has been tight and there is a proposal to shut down all 5 of their activity centres – the nearest one to Brighton is Blackland Farm in East Grinstead. This not only effects adventurous activities for women and girls, but also schools as many use their sites. If you feel you can sign the petition, please do so here - <https://www.change.org/p/girlguiding-uk-to-review-and-reconsider-the-decision-to-sell-the-five-activity-centres> and

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if you want to hear me talking on Radio Sussex, about why this decision is so devastating, please have a listen here - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0ffns2> - about 2 hours and 7 minutes in.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

May	June
26 th – Last day of half term	5 th – INSET Day 6 th – Pupils return 16 th – Koala Class Assembly 21 st – New Reception Children visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15) 27 th – Sports Day 28 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 30 th – Red Panda Class Assembly 30 th – Summer Party (2.30 – 4.30)
July	
5 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 6 th – Reports out 7 th – Year 6 transition day 13 th – Report drop-in 14 th – Bumblebee Class Assembly (2pm) 14 th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4.00) 17 th – St Bart's Got Talent (2.00 – 2.45) 19 th – Non Uniform Day - Food Bank 20 th – Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm) 21 st – Last day of term	