

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Author Visit

Some of our Junior pupils were really lucky to meet the author of Mia and the Lightcasters by Janelle McCurdy. She talked to them about the process of writing a book and her hobbies and interests. The children thought she was great and were thrilled to get a signed copy of her book, too.

"It was nice to meet the author. She was really kind and we learnt more about her." Angela

Thanks to Mrs Allaway for organising this visit for the pupils.



Let's Dance



It was an absolute delight to watch our dance club perform on The Dome stage at Let's Dance. The dance was so thought-provoking and so beautifully danced – I was so proud of all of the dancers. It was a very difficult dance as there was no music – just sounds and speech. However, the children rose to the occasion and were absolutely phenomenal.

"It was fun because the costumes were good. I liked wearing glitter in my hair and performing on stage." Zoe

"I had a great time. We got to go backstage – there are probably celebrities that have used the dressing room that we were in. We also had a lot of make up and the lighting was great!" Sahara



A huge thank you to our dance teacher Sam for choreographing and rehearsing with the children and to Mrs Allaway for organising everything! Thank you also to Mrs Christie-Davies and Mrs Paton who supported on the night. We hope to continue with dance club after the Easter break for anyone who might be interested. This is almost fully funded using our Sports Premium money so a fantastic opportunity for all!

Comic Relief

We had a great turn out of children wearing red last Friday and donating their £1 for Comic Relief – thank you to everyone who took part! Miss Beavis will let us know how much we raised next week.

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City Mission Worship and Workshops

Our friends at City Mission have been back at school this week, which has been lovely. They led a worship about the Easter story on Monday and today they have been back with their "Off the Press" Easter themed workshop which was an absolute hit with year 5 and year 6!



"We met a Roman soldier who was telling us how Jesus got out of the tomb. He was lying at first but told the truth in the end. He had gold coins which he thought he had stolen but someone had bribed him." Kajus.

"We interrogated the soldier – when he shouted it was really scary! But then he told the truth." Yushra.



"The science lab was fun and we discovered some new science words." Angela.

"We also visited a crime scene with footprints and a bandage with blood. We had to investigate and collect clues and evidence. We had to wear shoe covers and there was police tape." Sahara.



IntoUniversity



Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils both had a workshop with IntoUniversity this morning to start thinking about what job roles might appeal to them in the future. This is a fully funded programme that pupils take part in during every year of their time in the Juniors at St. Bartholomew's – it's a fantastic opportunity!



"We were in different groups. We designed shoes, tried to build houses and searched for fossils that were hidden in the sand. There were fact sheets to tell you about the fossils." Zoe

Big Band Performance



Earlier this week, we were treated to a brilliant performance by our Big Band Club, expertly led by Mrs Paton. They performed 3 amazing songs and received a huge round applause at the end of their performance.

"It was really fun because we got to play the guitar." Sahara
"I played the guitar and the glockenspiel." Yushra
"Everyone had a chance to play more than one instrument." Jonah



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Film Night

Thanks again to our fabulous PTFA parents for supporting our Film Night through preparing the snacks and helping us supervise – its much appreciated. We put on Film Night to raise some money for school but more importantly, to provide a fun opportunity for the children.

"I really liked the movie and watching something new. I have watched it again at home!" Lily

"I liked it when he found the mask and liked watching with my friends." Shiloh

Our next Film Night is planned for Friday 19th May so please make sure the date is in your diary.

Parents' Evening and Survey

Thank you to all of those parents/carers who came to parents' evening this week – it was lovely to see so many of you! If you weren't able to attend, please make sure you speak to your child's teacher about your child's progress.

During our parents' evening, we asked you to complete a survey – thank you so much to everyone who did. The results were fantastic and will also support us in moving forward with school improvement.

Statement	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%
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%

As you can see the response was overwhelmingly positive – thank you! We may use some of your (anonymised) positive comments in various documents/displays/on the website over the coming months – please let us know if you would not like us to use your comments.

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Church School

Church News

Holy Week schedule:

Sunday 2 April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Solemn Mass 10.30am at St Bart's

Solemn Mass 11.00am at St Paul's

Monday-Wednesday

Low Mass 11.30am at St Paul's (Wednesday tbc)

Low Mass 6.00pm at St Bart's

Thursday 6 April

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St Paul's

Friday 7 April

Good Friday

The Solemn Liturgy 12noon at St Paul's

The Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm at St Bartholomew's

Saturday 8 April

Easter Vigil 8.30pm at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 9 April

Easter Sunday

Solemn Mass 10.30am at St Bart's

Solemn High Mass 11.00am at St Paul's

Reminders and Notices

Clubs

Our clubs programme for this term finishes today – there are NO clubs next week, except for Dance Club. We hope to get a letter out to you just after the start of next term about summer clubs. They will HOPEFULLY begin on Monday 24th April.

Attendance

We understand that all children have periods of illness from time to time, and in this case, it is best to keep them at home to rest and recover. Please use the traffic light system (below) as a guide to help you to decide when to send your child to school and when to keep them at home. Medicines can be given at school, as long as the appropriate medicine form has been completed and the dosage is on the packaging.

Please note that if your child is physically sick or has diarrhoea, they must not return to school for 48 hours.

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COME TO SCHOOL	TAKE ADVICE	STAY AT HOME
<p>Cough or cold Sore throat Feeling tired Mild tummy ache</p> <p>We will always contact you if your child becomes ill during the school day.</p>	<p>Headaches. A child with a minor headache does not usually need to be kept off school.</p> <p>If the headache is more severe and is accompanied by other symptoms such as a raised temperature or drowsiness, keep your child at home and consult your GP.</p>	<p>Raised temperature Over 37.5°</p> <p>Rashes can be the first sign of infectious illnesses. If your child has a rash, please check with your GP before sending them to school.</p> <p>Vomiting and diarrhoea. Children can return to school 48 hours after symptoms have subsided.</p>

Easter Competition



Don't forget to enter the Easter Competition! Your child can win the bunny and the egg if they guess the name correctly. It costs 50p a go and they can have as many goes as they like. Please make sure all entries are in school by **WEDNESDAY** please and the prize will be given out on Thursday.

Easter Parade

We have our Easter Parade this **Thursday 30th March**. Please meet us outside the school hall (the green door) and parade down with us to the church, making much celebratory noise! Children in Koala, Red Panda, Pangolin and Jaguar class will be attending the parade!

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher

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Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

March	April
27/28/29 th – Year 5/6 Residential 29 th – Non Uniform Day – Connor Saunders Foundation 30 th – Easter Parade 30 th – Last day of Term for pupils 31 st – INSET Day	17 th – Pupils return
May	June
8 th – Year 4/5 Parents meeting for Y5 Residential (2.30) W/B 8 th – Year 6 tests 19 th – Pangolin Class Assembly 19 th – Film Night 23 rd – Parent Forum (2.00) 26 th – Penguin Class Assembly 26 th – Non School Uniform – School Fund 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	