



# St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

News in school – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful first day back in school. Our topic day allowed the children to think about Safety. As this week is national child safety week it was an excellent opportunity to link this term's topic day to this event. With visitors into school from Gist, the RNLI and our local PCSO's the children have been able to learn about road safety, stranger danger, e-safety, beach and water safety to name just a few aspects of the day. Further information about national safety week can be accessed at <http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/>.



## A BUSY TERM

The final term of the year is always a busy one with lots to look forward to. On Wednesday Year 6 pupils will be travelling to Lincoln Cathedral to take part in the diocese of Lincoln's Church School's Festival. Pupils in Oak class will be taking part in a couple of inter school sports tournaments; our annual school sports day is being held in school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June (fingers crossed for good weather).

Year 5/6 will be pushing their confidence and bravery levels to their limits during their residential trip to PGL Caythorpe and Key Stage 1 will be taking a trip to a Farm as part of their 'On the Farm' topic. We will be holding another music extravaganza in which our Key stage 2 pupils can showcase their musical learning. Year 5/6 have been learning to play the ukulele and year 3/4 have been learning to play the clarinet/saxophone or tin whistle. In addition I expect we will be 'wow'-ed by those pupils who have been learning to play the piano and violin with Miss Gardiner and clarinet with Mrs Young. Please watch out for further information and permission slips for this event. Parents in Apple class have their class assembly to look forward to this term. Miss Cannon will be sending out more details about this super celebration of the children's learning.

The annual summer fayre is being held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, always a great event - don't forget to make a note of this in your diary. Final plans for this year's whole school trip are being put in place and I expect to be sending out details for the trip this week. Please note due to transport availability the trip will now take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Of course as the end of year looms large so do the Year 6 celebrations. There will be an end of year leavers service on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.15am. We are again hoping to have a whole school and families picnic lunch on this final day of the year which will be followed by a Yr6 versus staff and yr6 parents rounder's match.

## CHILDREN'S BINGO

This Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, straight after school sees the PTFA present the ever popular children's bingo event. Parents are welcome to attend too, but if you are unable to attend and your child wishes to stay, please ensure that you have completed and returned the permission slip previously supplied.



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## HOME LEARNING

Super work is going on across the school and progress is being well supported by home learning. The new national curriculum requires children to be able to apply and recall lots of learning and, as you would expect, regular practise of core skills at home is an essential aspect of children securing learning and achieving excellent progress. Please support your child at home to engage and enjoy reading - hearing your child read (whatever their reading level) will allow practise of the reading skills taught, it builds confidence in speaking aloud with expression and intonation and it also allows you to support through questioning the development of comprehension skills. Don't forget about reading to them too - hearing you read a book, which is beyond your child's independent reading ability, exposes them to exciting new vocabulary that they can then apply in their speaking and writing.

Supporting your children to practise spellings and times tables at home is essential to build on the knowledge and skills taught in school. Short frequent opportunities to practise their spellings, times table and key number facts throughout the week will best support your child to secure immediate recall of these essential facts and enable them to apply this learning and extend upon in class.

## NEW ENTRANCE

The new entrance is now in full use. In order to provide effective safeguarding systems for all pupils, access to the office should always be via the new main red door of the main entrance. For safeguarding reasons staff will remind parents/carers who forget and enter through a classroom door that access to the office is via the main door.

## ATTENDANCE

It makes perfect sense that attendance in school links directly to pupil outcomes. Any absence from school negatively impacts on learning so schools are required to monitor non-attendance and the reasons for this closely. Unfortunately this year we have experienced remarkable levels of illness across the school so attendance levels in all classes have fallen for the first time in three years. This fall has been limited by shared support for all children to achieve full attendance; it is clear that you are making doctors/dentist appointments outside of the school day thereby ensuring that the children do not miss out on a minute of their learning.

Hopefully the fine summer weather will support the children to be happy and well throughout this final term. In the event that you child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure that you advise the office at 8.30am (or as soon as possible thereafter) informing us of the illness. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

This term's club letter has been sent out to all families with lots of fun activities on offer for the children to enjoy. It has been brought to my attention that children are signing up for clubs and then failing to attend. On behalf of the outside agencies and school staff supporting these clubs can I please request that you consider the clubs carefully before signing up to them. We expect children to make a commitment to the clubs they select and expect that they will attend all sessions of the club. Staff/outside agencies plan and make provision for all pupils who have signed up - these plans can be detrimentally affected by non-attendance. Furthermore in the case of team games it is essential that children attend in order to maintain the team dynamics.

In the event that your child, for unavoidable reasons, is unable to attend a club they have committed to, please ensure that you have advised the teacher delivering the club. In the case of clubs provided by outside agencies please ensure that you have advised your child's class teacher. We very much appreciate your support with this matter.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

A number of key school uniform items are available to purchase in school. In order to increase the efficiency of this service where possible please ring the office to let them know what uniform you require. Alternatively please complete and return the attached order form.

## A QUICK REMINDER HEALTHCARE PLANS

In order that we can provide the correct support to all pupils with ongoing healthcare issues, it is essential that parents keep us up to date with medical advice, medication details and support requirements. If your child has a health care plan in place, please contact your child's teacher to advise them of any changes we should be aware of.

## SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Due to a recent up date of Lincolnshire County Council purchasing and accounting systems we are currently experiencing significant difficulties with these systems. I am aware that many parents have ordered replacement swimming caps. Unfortunately the LCC changes have delayed our ability to obtain new stock. Please accept our apologies in this regard. We expect imminent delivery of these and will contact parents as soon as these are received.

Please can I remind you to ensure that you advise you child's class teacher if your child is unable to swim for any reason; a quick note or a conversation/phone call would be very much appreciated.

## PARISH AND VILLAGE NEWS

East Pinchbeck carnival is being held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June and St Bartholomew's Parish church fair is being held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. The school choir will be singing at this event at 2.15pm. Please come along to support them and to hear them entertain you with their talents.

## SUN AWARENESS

Please be conscious of the weather conditions as we move towards the warmer weather. Children are welcome to bring in named bottles of sun cream which they can apply themselves. Alternatively consider applying a long lasting sun cream which can be applied at home before school which will remain effective throughout the day.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, questions or concerns about any items in this letter or any other aspect of the schools operations.

Michelle Parker  
Headteacher



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## UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Here is a list of uniform that is available to be purchased from the School Office. Cheques can be made payable to St Bartholomew's CE School Fund.

	Price	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"
Red Cardigan	£9.00					
	£11.00					
Red Sweatshirt	£7.50					
	£8.50					
		3/4Yrs	5/6Yrs	7/8Yrs	9/10Yrs	11/12Yrs
Red Fleece	£10.00					
		Quantity				
PE Bag	£3.50					
Book Bag	£3.50					
Cap	£2.50					
Beanie Hat	£4.80					
Replacement Water Bottle	£1.50					

(Please indicate quantity)

Name: .....

Total Amount enclosed: ..... cash/cheque

With Compliments

