



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

News in school – May 2016

Dear Parents and carers,

What a fantastic, busy term we have all had so far. Our topic day was a great success, allowing the children to work together across age groups to create a splendid collage, representing the four seasons. If you have time, please visit our school website to see the children's work. It was wonderful to see the children work so well together and was a lovely introduction, for me personally, to the school.

Forthcoming events

This term is always an extremely busy time for schools and here at St. Bartholomew's is no exception. Firstly, I want to congratulate our year 6 children in the manner that they sat their SATs. Their maturity and resilience was wonderful – with all the children telling me that they enjoyed the experience! I would also like to add my appreciation, to Mr Papaioannou, for providing a breakfast club for the children and all the staff that supported the year 6 children in school.

This week, it is now our year 2's turn to sit these tests. I know that they have been working very hard and I hope that they have also enjoyed the experience! I especially liked the idea that Mrs Edwards developed of the 'three peaks challenge', overcoming the obstacles to reach the summit!

Children from years 5 & 6 will be developing their team working skills and confidence when they visit the Dearne Valley, Kingswood. This is a great educational experience for the children where they learn to become more independent and develop some vital life skills! On the morning of the 23rd May, our Y4/5/6 children (those not going to Kingswood) will visit Spalding Grammar and Spalding High School, to enjoy a 'Science Morning'. The secondary schools will transport the children and they will be back in time for lunch. I am sure that this will be a very worthwhile, enjoyable experience for all the children involved.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 17th May, year 6 children visit Lincoln Cathedral to take part in the Church Schools Festival. This is an opportunity to join in with collective worship with our family of church schools and to participate in a varied menu of activities.

The newly reformed St Bartholomew's PTFA will be holding a disco at school, this Friday (20th May) – please see separate letter. I am sure that you will help to support them raise money to help the school.

We are already looking forward to our first day back after half-term (6th June) when we will be holding a topic day based on the Olympics. To add extra excitement, we will be visited by two Olympic athletes for the day, who will work with the children. In addition, this week also sees the start of bikeability for our Y5/6 children (6-10th June). Focussing on safety and how to ride a bike on public highways, these will be invaluable sessions for the children involved.

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Pinchbeck carnival this year is being held on

Saturday 11th June. We will be dressing up in blue, red and white and marching through Pinchbeck as part of the parade. The PTFA will send out more details in due course. We all hope to see you there!

Swimming will begin after half term, starting on Monday 6th June. Please ensure that your child has the correct swimming costume. Boys need to wear tight fitting trunks or over the knee shorts as loose shorts can make it harder to swim in the water. Apple and Palm class will swim on Monday afternoons and Oak and Willow class will swim on Tuesday afternoons. Swimming hats are available to be purchased for 65p from the school office.

Sports day this year will be during the afternoon of the 21st June, with the following day as a reserve. The PTFA will be serving refreshments – look out for a separate letter. Here's hoping for excellent weather. The annual PTFA summer Fayre, will be on Sunday 3rd July, an event we hope that you will all be able to attend. More details will follow in the near future.

The staff and children are all looking forward to our annual school trip away on 20th July. This year we are visiting Hunstanton for a day at the sea-life centre and time on the beach. Hopefully we will enjoy fine weather.

Farm Kitchen

Term 6 menus are now live on their website. If you would like your child to have a hot school dinner, please order them by mid-night on the Tuesday for the following week.

Hot weather

Please be aware that as the days become hotter, the children are welcome to bring into school named bottles of sun cream which they can apply themselves. Alternatively, please apply a long lasting sun cream at home to protect them throughout the day. In addition, please supply your child(ren) with a water bottle and sun hat in order to help them stay hydrated and protect from from sunlight. Thank you.

Headlice

As is common in all schools, we do occasionally have unwanted visitors making an appearance. Please can you check your child's hair to try and reduce these occurrences.

School Football News

The School Football Team has been training hard over the course of the year in the run up to the Football League which started this half term. We have played Quadring and Moulton John Harrox Primary Schools. Our first game, against Quadring, we fought a mighty battle not only against their excellent team but against the elements, but sadly even with our excellent defence we lost 9-0. Our most recent game was against Moulton John Harrox and with near misses from Luke Carter and Ralfs Kalvans, we lost 3-0. The next game is against Gedney Primary School here at school on Thursday 19th May and will start just after 3.30pm. Please come out and cheer on the school team to victory!

Oak Class Assembly

Oak Class will be presenting their class assembly to their parents and carers on Wednesday 25th May at 9am.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries. We always endeavour to help where we can.

Best wishes

James Shawley
Head Teacher