



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Friday 18th September 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

News in School

A special welcome

This year we are introducing a special welcome service for our new reception children. Parents/carers and family friends of our new arrivals are invited to join us at this dedicated church service which will be followed by a meet and greet event in school.

Walk to School Day this term is Monday

As an ECO school we are committed to promoting 'green' habits throughout the school community. One of the school's regular events toward this is the 'walk to school day'. Each term we nominate a day of the week to be the 'walk to school day' on which all the children are encouraged to walk/cycle/scooter to school. By leaving the car at home we are reducing the pollution we emit to the environment, so every trip counts. To encourage the children to take part our team captains survey the school each week to count up which children have walked/cycled to school. Each child who walks on every 'walk to school day' of the month will be awarded a 'WOW' badge for the term.

We do appreciate that for some children it is not possible (due to distance) for them to walk from home, but we know that they too can reduce their carbon emissions by parking the car at St Bartholomew's church and walking from there. So everyone can take part. The team captains are hoping to report the percentage of children taking part each week – so we can see it increase and hopefully achieve 100%.

Yellow Fellow Day

Next Wednesday (23rd September) the School council are presenting the first of their charity fund raising events for this year. Everyone is being invited to wear something yellow in exchange for a contribution which will be donated to the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Members of St Bartholomew's Church are holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th September, 10am – 12 noon. If you are able, please pop along on Friday to enjoy the tasty delights whilst raising funds for this very important charity.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is being held on Tuesday 6th October. The service will commence in church at 9.15am, everyone is welcome to join us as in this thanks giving festival.

Afterwards the day will be given over to 'food' with the children preparing a range of delightful dishes, which they will be selling in a fund raising event being held in school from 2.30pm. Please do come along and support the children's efforts.

Our harvest celebrations would not be complete without the traditional produce tombola. We would be very grateful to receive donations of harvest produce (tinned, dried and fresh) to be included into the tombola. Ideally donations should be sent in Monday 5th October or on the day, Tuesday 6th October.

All proceeds will be donated to the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance appeal.



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West Pinchbeck Scarecrow festival

The West Pinchbeck parish have lots of wonderful Harvest events arranged too, including the West Pinchbeck Scarecrow festival being held at St Bartholomew's church on 3rd and 4th October. I know the school will be sending a couple of scarecrows along, which the children might enjoy seeing in the church.

Contact Details and Emergency Numbers

Please ensure that you advise the office of any changes to your telephone numbers. It is essential that we are able to contact you, or a nominated family member or friend, in the event of illness etc. Also, please ensure that you advise us if someone else is going to collect your child from school and if this is a regular arrangement that they have been added to your authorised collectors list held in the office.

First PTFA meeting of the year

The first PTFA meeting of this school year is being held next Monday 21st September at 2.30pm in school. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and get involved. Your support is very much needed and appreciated – the PTFA (and the children) need you!

Parent's Evenings

Parent's evenings are being held this term on Tuesday 12th October and Wednesday 13th October. For the benefit of all of our new parents Mrs Waine will notify you (approx. 2weeks before) that booking lists are being displayed in the main office. Parents are then able to make a booking by popping into school or alternatively if you are not able to come into school you can ring the office and they will organise an appointment with you.

PE Kit

Already we have a small number of children who are arriving in school on their nominated PE day without their PE kit. Can parents please ensure that children have the correct kit in school as finding spare PE kit causes significant disruption to the delivery of the lesson.

Home Learning

A big thank you to parents and carers for the wonderful levels of support being given to home reading. Reading in every class have got off to a flying start and I know that many children are working towards achieving a reading trophy as they have read every day since the start of term. Every child, whatever their reading age, benefits from sharing, reading and discussing books with adults. If you need any help or guidance as to how you can encourage your child's enjoyment of reading your child's class teacher will be keen to help.

Homework routines are now in place in all classes with most children completing and returning their homework on time. Home learning is an essential aspect of the curriculum, and children do need to be encouraged to become independent learners – as this prepares them for the challenges that come as they progress through their education and also develops a sense of personal responsibility too. If your child is unsure of what is required of them in their homework, please ensure that they speak to their teacher who will provide them with the assistance they need.

As always, please do not hesitate to come in and talk to us if there is anything we can assist you with.

M Parker
Headteacher