



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Thursday 1st October 2015

News in School

Welcome

Our new reception children were formally welcomed into our church school family on Monday, when we held our first ever 'welcome' church service. It was a fantastic addition to our calendar of Christian church events and the year 6's did a wonderful job as guiding partners for our new starters. Thank you to all the parents who joined us, we hope that you enjoyed it. Also a big thank you to the PTFA who provided refreshments for the meet and greet opportunity, which took place for parents afterwards.

What is my name?

The school council have sent out letters this week to invite people to name the new school giraffe. Our new 'pet' will be awarded each week to the class with the highest weekly attendance figure. If you haven't already nominated a name, please do so and join in the fun.

Please remember to try to avoid appointments during the school day where possible. Also please remember if your child is unwell in the morning, we would be pleased to see them at lunch time if they are feeling well enough to get back to school.

A busy week ahead

Monday 5th October - please remember best smiles, hair cuts and uniform on Monday as the school photographer will be in school from 8.15am. If you would like family photos with younger siblings to be taken, you are very welcome to arrive from 8.15am at the main school door, in order to have these photographs taken ahead of the school day.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 6th October. The day will start with our church service in St Bartholomew's Church at 9.15am. Each class will present their own unique presentation on Harvest, which will be intermingled with prayers and hymns of thanks and celebration. Please join us. I know that it will be a joyous event.

The rest of the day will be given over to food, with every class cooking and baking. Then, at 2.15pm, we would like to invite parents, carers, friends and family to come along to school to indulge in the tasty treats that will have been prepared over the day. The children will be accepting donations for the delights with all funds raised being donated to this term's nominated charity – the Lincolnshire Air ambulance.

The PTFA will also be presenting the Harvest produce tombola. (Please remember to send your kind donations in for this on Monday or Tuesday). The tombola will start at 2.45pm in order that all children, including those who travel on the taxi (or those whose parents are unable to attend) can take part in the fun. If you would like your child to have a turn on the tombola please remember to send them with some money to buy tickets. (Teachers will happily take care of any monies sent in named envelopes until the event). Again all monies raised from the tombola will be donated to the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

Parents Evening Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th October

Booking forms for parent's evening are now available in the main entrance. Please remember to reserve an appointment on the booking form or telephone the office and they will make an appointment for you. Scholastic book fair will be here on parent's evenings too, a great opportunity to purchase books for enjoyment or you could get ahead with a few early Christmas presents.

Representatives from the Governing body will be available on both evenings, in order that you can speak to them about any aspect of the school's operations.

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A sad song

Miss Gardener has been providing piano and violin lessons in school for over three years and in that time we have seen (and heard) many of our children become very accomplished with their music studies and have enjoyed being entertained by them to. Unfortunately Miss Gardener will be leaving us this term to pursue a range of musical ventures, we wish her well and thank her sincerely for all the great work she has done at St Bartholomew's.

We are now a Global Learning Partner School!

We are always looking for new and innovative ways to enhance the curriculum on offer, seeking increased opportunities to prepare the children for the wonderful world we have to share. To this end we are joining together with a number of Spalding schools in the 'Global Learning Programme.'

The Global Learning Programme (GLP) is a government-funded programme delivering teaching and learning about development and global issues at Key Stage 2.

The programme will help us to:

- prepare pupils for modern life in Britain by promoting values such as empathy, fairness and respect;
- develop and enhance enquiry and critical thinking skills;
- improve pupil engagement in learning;
- deepen the knowledge and understanding currently delivered within our curriculum;
- expand global awareness;
- strengthen our Christian school ethos and values.

We have begun our learning journey by taking part in the World's Largest Lesson! On September 25th 2015, 193 world leaders committed their countries to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. They agreed 17 goals which aim to achieve 3 extraordinary things in the next 15 years –

1. End extreme poverty.
2. Fight inequality and injustice
3. Fix climate change.

On Monday 28 September, schools world-wide, took part in assemblies and lessons providing children with information about these 17 Global Goals. If every school in the world taught children about these goals, it would help to ensure that they will become the generation that changes the world!

At St Bartholomew's, the School and Eco Councils will be doing their part, raising money for good causes, caring for the world around us and trying to make a difference, even if just a small one, towards these global goals. Please watch out for forthcoming correspondence from our school and ECO councillors in this regard.

Further information about can be found at <http://www.globalgoals.org>.

Parking

By comparison to many schools in Lincolnshire, our parking provision is excellent. That said we still have less than we would like. In order that we can make the best of the facilities we have I would like to kindly remind parents to park courteously avoiding unnecessary/excessive gaps between vehicles. Similarly, please take care when opening doors next to other vehicles. Please ensure children are closely supervised at all times. Many thanks.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

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