



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Friday, 21st October 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

It doesn't seem two-minutes since the start of term began and here we are breaking up for half-term. It has been a very busy period. We have recently had our section 48 inspection (Church School Inspection), details of which I will be able to release to you after half-term. All schools have to wait until the report has been quality assured by an external assessor before they are allowed to communicate the outcome. However, I can tell you that we are not disappointed with the report!

Our reception children have settled in extremely well and are a pleasure to have in school. They are constantly smiling and really want to show others their work. Apple and Palm class have particularly enjoyed their pet topic (as was evidenced by the number of animal visitors!). Please check the website for up-to-date photos of their learning.

Obviously, Mr Papaioannou's resignation was a disappointment but everybody has really risen to the challenge and we have an extremely strong team in Oak at the moment, they are particularly enjoying their Stone Age topic. This coupled with the appointment of Mrs Davison, from January, will further ensure that the teaching and learning in Oak class goes from strength to strength.

Willow class have also made a strong start to the term. Mrs Edwards has very high expectations and I am sure that the children will do her proud. They are enjoying learning all about the Romans and I am sure are looking forward to travelling to Peterborough to experience a 'Roman day' workshop. Having been in the past, I can assure you that it is well worth a visit!

Sporting outings

We are entering numerous sporting events during the year. Already, some children have taken part in cross country and tag rugby and have been a credit to the school. Please look out for letters sent home with your child if they are invited to attend any sporting events. The dates for these will also be on the school website.

Dates for your diary

The school aims to keep parents/carers informed about upcoming events through letters, such as this newsletter and the school website (which always has the latest dates published on it.) We follow Lincolnshire County Council term dates, which are published on the Lincolnshire County council website. In order to save paper, we are not sending as many letters home as previously but the information is readily available through the channels stated.

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- Farm Kitchen menus for term 2 are now live
- Term 2 starts on **Tuesday 1st November**. This will be a topic day based on understanding and accepting different cultures.
- 1.11.16 Yr 3/4 football competition (Children going have already had a letter)
- 9.11.16 Willow class trip to Peterborough Museum
- 11.11.16 PTFA Reception Disco (note change of date)
- 22.11.16 Yr 5/6 Football competition
- 7.12.16 School Carol Service at 6pm in St Bartholomew's Church
- 8.12.16 PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 12.12.16 Farm Kitchen Christmas Lunch for the whole school (**Last order Tuesday 6.12.16**)
- 14.12.16 EYFS/ Key Stage One Christmas Performance 6pm
- 15.12.16 EYFS/ Key Stage One Christmas Performance 1.30pm
- 16.12.16 PTFA disco (Please note change of date)
- 20.12.16 Whole school trip to the Panto
- 20.12.16 Last day of term

Please note that Yr3/4 will be delivering an Easter performance on 28th March at 6pm and the 29th March at 1.30pm. Yr 5/6 will be performing an end of year play on the 12th July at 6pm and on the 13th July at 1.30pm. Of course, as well as these events we will have the end of years' service, whole school trip and end of year disco. Please look out for dates nearer the time. Thank you.

Social Media

We as a school pride ourselves on our family atmosphere and ethos. As part of this, we aim to work closely with all parents/carers, with the children at the heart of everything that we do. Occasionally, events may not go as planned. If this does occur, we encourage parent/carers to discuss this with the class teacher in the first instance, then the Key Stage Leader (either Mrs Edwards or Miss Cannon). If the issue has not been resolved at this stage then I will happily speak to parents/carers. However, please can I politely remind parents/carers about their responsibilities with the use of social media and how this may have a negative impact on the community, something, I am sure, that we would all want to avoid happening. Thank you for your cooperation.

Website

Please do check our school website for updates on school news, including photos of the children learning. We aim to update this at regular periods.

I wish you all a wonderful half-term and look forward to an exciting run-up to Christmas next term.

Best wishes

Mr James Shawley