



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Term 1 2018/19

News in School

19th October 2018

What a wonderful start to the new year. Our Reception children have settled well into school life and all the children seem to have settled into their routines and are eager to learn.

This term certainly seems to have flown by. We have already held many events that have included the whole community. We have had our Reception Welcome service at the Church; a wonderful event where we welcomed our youngest children into the St. Bartholomew's family. We have also held our Harvest Festival service which was extremely well attended by many parents, carers and members of the community. It was great to see the children display their many talents; the readings were clear and the songs sung with great enthusiasm! A huge thank you for all of your donations which went to Agape Food Bank.

We have also had an Ofsted inspection. At the time of writing, the school hasn't received the draft copy of this report. The timeframe should be 19 working days from Inspection to publication, not including half-term. We will release this to parents as soon as we receive it and it has been uploaded onto Ofsted's website.

Our first 'reading with morning', is planned for Friday 9th November and is titled, 'Reading with dad', although, like last year, any member of the family is welcome to attend. In the run up to Christmas, we have many different events including our school carol service on 5th December and the annual visit to the pantomime on Monday 10th December. One of our key stage two children is actually in the performance that we will be seeing! This leads me on to a bit of shameless self-publicity as yours truly will be appearing in Cinderella, in Bourne as one of the ugly sisters. A sight not to be missed !

Safety Week

The final week of term one has ended with a whole school focus on safety. Each class has been looking at a different aspect of safety; fire, water, road and e-safety. The children have been investigating activities under these banners.

Willow Class have been monitoring the implication of sharing posts on social media to see how many people access pictures of Gerald. This has taught them that if and when they were to post images of themselves they are likely to be accessed by strangers.



Class News

Apple Class

The Reception children have settled in well and the Year 1 children have done a fabulous job of looking after our new friends. The children have settled into their class-room, found their way around school and explored the outdoor areas. The children are progressing well with learning new sounds in phonics, counting and ordering in Maths and have enjoyed having visitors into class during Safety Week.



Palm

What a term we have had in Palm Class! The children have been incredibly busy and have absolutely loved our Superhero Topic. We have explored many different superheroes, created super snacks to keep them fit, healthy and strong and created images based on Andy Warhol's 'Pop Art'. The culmination of our topic has been the exploration of 'Real Life Superheroes' and Safety Week. We have loved having special visitors and particularly enjoyed our adventure in the fire engine.



Governor Information

As you will be aware, a vacancy for a parent governor to join the board of governors has arisen due to Sam Dossett's term of office expiring and she no-longer having any children at school. This vacancy will be formally advertised on Tuesday 30th October and the closing date will be on Tuesday 13th November at 12 noon. If the school receives more than one interested parent / carer an election will need to be held. Full details will be released on 30th October. If you are interested in becoming a governor, there are governors that you will be able to speak with regarding the role. We will release dates when they will be available, or alternatively, if you unavailable to speak with them, you will be able to ask that a governor gives you a ring to have an informal chat.

Oak Class

During Scifest Week in Oak class, we were very fortunate to have some lovely creatures come to visit us. We had Exotic Encounters come to talk to us about each creature and what they need to live. We especially loved to see Amy the Fenic fox! She was a desert fox and had super large ears!



We also met Charlotte the tarantula, Daisy the tortoise, Sally the Boa Constrictor and a very grumpy Bearded Dragon. We had to keep really calm so that we didn't frighten the animals. Lots of Oak class were very brave and held the tarantula! It was super exciting!



Willow Class



This term the Year Fives and The Year Sixes really enjoyed their 'bonding day'. They delighted in competing to see which team could build the highest tower using marshmallows and PVA glue, learned to trust one another by navigating apparatus blindfolded and developed their team building skills by contending in a tug of war.



Film Club

Coco is the next big film to be screened at film club (Thursday 1st November). Please remember to return your reply slips back in good time to ensure that we can provide adequate refreshments (30p each) . Many thanks.

School
Charity



Council
Work

The School Council will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16th November in aid of Children in Need.

Up and Coming Events

- 30.10.18 Flu Vaccinations for Yr R-5
- 31.10.18 Secondary School applications close
- 6.11.18 Bag2School Collection
- 14.11.18 Reception 2019 applications opens
- 16.11.18 Willow Class trip to Fineshade Woods
- 20.11.18 Year 3/4 Boys football tournament
w/c 26.11.18 Reception Balanceability
- 27.11.18 Year 3/4 Girls football tournament
- 27.11.18 Willow Class trip to Christmas Unwrapped
- 5.12.18 School Church Carol Concert
- 10.12.18 Whole School trip to Panto
- 12.12.18 Evening EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
- 13.12.18 Afternoon EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
- 17.12.18 Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 20.12.18 School Christingle Service in Church
- 20.12.18 Christmas Party Day

PTFA Christmas Events

- 23.11.18 Non uniform day
- 30.11.18 Christmas decoration up in the hall (helpers required)
- 07.12.18 Christmas Fair (helpers required)
- 14.12.18 Christmas Disco (helpers required)
- 20.12.18 Christmas decorations to be taken down (helpers required)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 2

- KS1 Football (Tuesdays)
- Yr 5-6 Gardening (Tuesdays)
- KS2 Football (Wednesdays)
- Yr 1-6 Taekwondo (Fridays)

Please help the office out!

Please ensure that you check your emails, text messages and/or book bags daily for correspondence sent home from school and remember that school letters are also available on the school website. Please ensure that all reply slips and payments are returned to school in your child's named plastic zip wallet. If you have lost the original wallet please contact the office for a replacement. Also loose change cannot be accepted at the office, please ensure when paying monies directly to the office it is sealed in a named envelope.

Headlice

Please take the time over the holiday to check your child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary. A whole school 'attack' on this common nuisance can be very effective when carried out over a school holiday. We have had a number of instances of headlice reported to us in school but unfortunately we have to rely on parent vigilance and commitment to checking for and treating headlice in order for outbreaks in school to be reduced. Please help us to reduce outbreaks of this common nuisance in school by checking your child's hair weekly and treating if required.

WINTER IS COMING

As the temperatures drop to the seasonal norms please ensure that your child has a coat in school so that they are suitably attired for outdoor play.

In the event of extreme weather we will always endeavour to keep the school open. In the event that this is not possible we will ensure that this decision is published on the school website and the LCC snow watch website by 7.30am. In addition a text message will be sent to all parents/carers.



Hot Lunches: Menus for next term's lunch orders are available to access via our website or directly from the Farm Kitchen website (www.thefarmkitchen.com). Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers must order meals directly from Farm Kitchen to take up the universal free school meal offer. Menus for term 2 are available and the order deadline for term 2 week 1 is Tuesday 23rd October. (If you haven't ordered meals by this date, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch.) If parents ensure their email address is on their hot meal account and 'opt in' then ordering reminders will be received.



COOL KIDS CLUB continue to provide before and after school care. Please contact them directly on 07944 289030 if you would like to use the service or visit the school website and complete the booking form.



Term Dates 2018-19

Term 2 - Tues 30th Oct—Tues 20th Dec 2018

Term 3—Mon 7th Jan—Fri 15th Feb 2019

Term 4 - Mon 25th Feb—Fri 5th Apr 2019

Term 5 - Tues 23rd Apr—Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6 - Mon 3rd June - Friday 19th July 2019

Private Music Tuition

Violin, keyboard, recorder, clarinet, saxophone & piano lessons will continue next term. Please contact the office if you are interested in finding out more about these lessons.

Pupils return to school Tuesday 30th October 2018

Please remember to label all of your child's possessions. We have already collected a lot of unnamed lost property which we are unable to return to its rightful owner. Please remember to send your child with full named PE kit.

Best wishes

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Head Teacher