



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we end the first half of the Summer term, we are already thinking about all the exciting learning experiences and activities that we have planned for the children after half-term. In no particular order: swimming lessons begin in our outdoor pool, sports day, the music extravaganza, whole school trip, Willow Class summer performance, Leavers Disco, Leavers Service, Awards assemblies and of course 'End of Year Reports!'

We endeavour to maximise as many learning experiences as we can to enhance the children's time at St. Bartholomew's. We are very proud of all our children, they are a real credit to you and the whole school community. This comes from the oldest children, who set such a good example and are excellent role-models to the rest of the children.

I would like to thank you for your continued support. You may have heard in the news about the continuing financial pressures placed on schools (believe me, this is not a myth!) but we will continue to work hard and provide the children with the best learning experiences that we can.

### **Battery Collection**

Remember to send in your used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D) for recycling asap as the competition ends on Monday 3rd June. We will however continue to collect batteries after this date. For further information please visit <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>.

### **Pen Recycling**

The children at St Bart's are on a mission to help reduce waste, by collecting used pens, which would otherwise end up in landfill. Please join us by recycling your old pens, felt pens and markers by sending them to school with your child or placing them in the recycling box in the main entrance. All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) are accepted. We cannot accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects. They will be taken to our local recycling point in Peterborough, at regular intervals throughout the year. The writing instruments are separated by material composition, cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remoulded, to make new recycled products.

### **Food Waste**

Due to restrictions from our waste disposal contractors, it has become necessary to ensure that food waste is separated from packaging. We are therefore asking children who bring a packed lunch to school to take any packaging and uneaten food home with them. Snacks which are in packaging will need packaging to be put in a different colour bin to any waste food. We will of course talk to the children about this but would appreciate your help with reminding your child about this.

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons will commence the first week of term 6, therefore please send your child with their swimming costume, towel and swimming cap everyday that week. Girls should be provided with a one piece swimming costume. Bikinis are not acceptable as they are not designed for the activity of swimming. Boys should wear close fitting swimming trunks/shorts; baggy, long beach style shorts are not acceptable as they impede the ability to swim which effects the development of correct swimming technique. Your child will then be allocated a group and informed as to when they will be swimming thereafter. Swimming caps can be purchased from the school office for 65p. We would appreciate any donations of towels and swim wear that your child has out grown.

# Class News

## Apple Class

Apple Class have had a very busy term learning about Dinosaurs. We had a very exciting visitor in school this term! Pete the T-Rex came with some of his friends and we had a wonderful time learning about dinosaurs and making new friends! The children were very well behaved and enjoyed this experience.

In PHSE, we have been learning about using equipment safely and we discussed safe places to play. We went over to the park and the children demonstrated 'safe play' on the park equipment.

The Year 1s have been working extremely hard developing their phonics skills and reading tricky words, in preparation for the phonics screening in a few weeks. They have made us so proud and have made amazing progress with their reading



## Palm Class

What a wonderful term we have had in Palm Class! The children have worked incredibly hard and we have had such fun. We have thoroughly enjoyed our plant topic in Science where the children have been growing their own runner beans, explored the school grounds to search for developing and fully grown plants and even dissected a flower identifying the key parts of a plant and their functions. A particular highlight of this term was the visit from Pete the T-Rex and some of his friends. We learnt so much and the children have absolutely loved this topic!

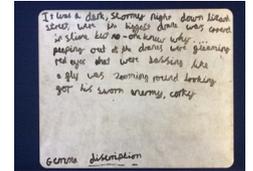


## Oak Class

This term the children in Oak class have been enjoying the story Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley. They have used lots of different techniques to help write creatively as well as including aspects of grammar. The children have used art to visualise settings, have practised writing exciting opening sentences and created what they think Krindlekrax looks like using natural resources.

Please join us on Twitter at [MrsDavison@stbarts](https://twitter.com/MrsDavison@stbarts).

The children also enjoyed taking part in a bread workshop courtesy of the Farm Kitchen. I'm sure that you enjoyed the piece of bread your child brought home!



## Governor Information

We welcome a new member to St.Bartholomew's governing body; Mr Stewart Barret, as a Foundation governor (links with the church). Mr Barret lives in the village and has a wealth of experience to draw upon, we are sure that he will make a positive contribution to the strategic direction of the school.

Recently governors have embarked on collaborative training with seven other schools. We have had training from the National Governance Association on Value for Money, Safeguarding and how to achieve best outcomes with pupil premium funding, how we know and our role in supporting and challenging the school. We are always striving to update our skill set and these are prime examples. In addition, on Monday 20th May, governors and headteachers from four schools met at St.Johns CE Primary School to discuss how each body monitors and evaluates their own schools. We hope to make this a regular gathering and learn from each other. By working in conjunction, with each other, we hope to establish a mutual, supportive team of knowledgeable governors who can learn from one-another.

## Willow Class

The Year Sixes all worked incredibly hard to prepare for their SATs this year. They particularly enjoyed relaxing with their friends during breakfast club and playing outdoor games together. To celebrate their success they enjoyed a morning's archery.



The Year Fives took part in a kwik cricket tournament and were fantastic representatives of our school.

The children have been given their parts for the end of year performance which will take place on Wednesday 10th July at 6pm. If your child is unable to make this performance, please speak to Mrs Edwards.



## School Council Charity Work

Our Bag2School collection raised £56. Thank you to everyone who filled a bag.

## Film Club

*Mary Poppins 2 is the next big film to be screened at film club (WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE). Please remember to return your reply slips back in good time to ensure that we can provide adequate refreshments (30p each). Many thanks.*

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 6

KS1 Athletics (Mondays)

KS1 Football (Tuesdays)

KS2 Craft & Gardening (Tuesdays)

KS2 Football (Wednesdays)

Yr 1-6 Taekwondo (Fridays)

## PTFA

18.6.19 Sports Day refreshments

12.7.19 Leavers Disco [Revised date]

5-7-19 PTFA Summer Fayre [Time to be confirmed]

## Up and Coming Events

5/6/7.6.19 Yr 5/6 PGL Residential

6.6.19 Oak Class Parents lunch

12.6.19 Yr 6 Church Schools Festival

18.6.19 Sports Day

27.6.19 Music Extravaganza (5.45pm)

28.6.19 Moving on afternoon

5.7.19 Moving on afternoon

5.7.19 Yr 7 Bourne Academy Yr 7 Transition Day

5.7.19 Spalding Academy Yr7 Transition Day

10.7.19 Willow Class performance (6pm)

12.7.19 Moving on afternoon

12.7.19 Leavers Awards Assembly

15.7.19 Attendance & Team Point Assembly

17.7.19 Whole School trip

## Community



The defibrillator has been purchased and is situated at the front of the school.



The Flower Festival at St Bartholomew's Church raised £4,500. The children visited the church and viewed the flower arrangements along with the display made by the children who attended Art Club with Miss Illingworth and Mrs Szydłowski.

## Please help the office out!

Please ensure that you check your emails, text messages and 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.

**Hot Lunches:** Menus for next term's lunch orders are available to access via the Farm Kitchen website ([www.hotschoolmeals.com](http://www.hotschoolmeals.com)). Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers must order meals directly from Farm Kitchen to take up the universal infant free school meal offer. Menus for term 6 are available and the order deadline for term 6 week 1 is 3pm on Tuesday 28th May 2019. (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. Please be aware that the meals delivered are the number that are ordered, therefore there are no spare meals available.



**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.



**Cool Milk:** Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>.

### Term Dates 2018-19

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

### Term Dates 2019-20

Term 1 — Wednesday 4th Sept — Friday 18th Oct 2019  
Term 2 — Tuesday 29th Oct — Thursday 19th Dec 2019  
Term 3—Monday 6th Jan—Thursday 13th Feb 2020  
Term 4— Monday 24th Feb—Thursday 2nd April 2020  
Term 5— Monday 20th April—Friday 22nd May 2020  
Term 6— Monday 1st June—Tuesday 21st July 2020

**CMS SPORTS** will be running a sports club every Tuesday from 23rd July to 27th August in school. The sessions will be from 10 am until 2.30 pm and cost £10/session. Further details on how to book will be issued during term 6.

## Pupils return to school Monday 3rd June 2019

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

## Private Music Tuition

Violin, keyboard, recorder, and piano lessons will continue next term. Please contact the

Best wishes

*J.A. Shawley*

Mr Shawley  
Head Teacher