



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter Friday 11th December 2020

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Another week has flown by and I start with an apology!

Sorry to Y5 parents we made snow as part of Science and possibly a bit of a mess... it will wash out.

I long for the day when I don't have to put a great chunk in the newsletter about Covid 19 but it's not yet. Looking towards the holidays, I have to track and trace up to and including Christmas Eve. Therefore, if your child is unwell or has a Covid test I need to be informed of the result via the Covid mailbox which I will be monitoring 3 times a day over holidays. covidresults@st-bartholomews.lewisham.sch.uk

Following the Christmas bubble days, from the 28th December, the same will apply, please let me know if your child is tested as there is a process I have to follow.

This a direct request from the government this week and has to be followed for 6 days after we break up. I am sure that you have seen some of the nonsense in the press but I would like to say our inset days are full-on training days, so my staff do not have the day off as one government minister was quoted saying. Yes, it makes me very irritated to think that these things are said and not challenged.

On a happier note we have had such fun taking part in the Christmas activities this week and are looking forward to next week's activities. The whole school is writing a story about '*A Christmas Jumper*' today using their amazing imagination to create wonderful stories for us to read.

As you might be aware we have on our website a virtual tour of the school as we have not been able to hold open days. However on Monday 21st December and Saturday 9th January we are holding physical school tours, by appointment via the link on the website. Please do share this information if you know of someone who is interested in joining us next year.

Hopefully next week I will be able to record KS2 reciting their poems and possibly singing! It might take a few days to link it all together but I will get it out as soon as possible.

Christmas cards – if you want to bring some in please do so by Monday and they will be given out by Thursday or Friday.

This week we have welcomed Naheed Karim as our new School Business Manager. After eight years of dedicated service Mrs Leach is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Leach has given so much to the school – including staying on through the pandemic – we shall miss her greatly and I know you will join me in wishing her an enjoyable and fulfilling (and busy) retirement.

Do please keep checking Class Dojo as this is where most of our communication is and where you will find out first, if a bubble has to be closed.

Finally, have a restful, peaceful and safe weekend.

Mrs Davies

Prayer for the week

Yesterday was the anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

Enlighten us so that we do not jump to conclusions about people, or be judgmental.

Lead us always to respect individuals for who they are, realising that their experiences may be different from our own, as each follows paths in life that are particular to them.

May we grow in appreciation that those who think differently from us can hold equally valid views.

Amen

Reminders from the Office:

Please do take the time over the holidays to log into Parent Pay and pay any outstanding amounts – even if there is only a little bit owing.

It would be lovely to get this done before the start of next term. Thanks.

Friends of st. BARTS

We hope your children have enjoyed the first 5 days of Christmas activities, guessing the number of sweets in a jar; finding Rudolph; designing an eco-sledge; festive dancing; naming the elf on the shelf (early years to Y3); a Christmas quiz; wearing Christmas jumpers and some Christmas crafts making paper chains, or crackers for those signed up to the Zoom session. Y4 will catch up with the activities, wherever possible, next week.

We hope you have also been enjoying the daily raffle draws by Mrs Davies and Mr Meyer. We certainly have! Well done to everyone who has won so far. The draws carry on over the weekend, and next week, so look out for them. There are lots of great prizes still to be won.

Next week is competition time, so we hope you are getting ready to do lots of baking, Lego model making and Christmas present up-cycling over the weekend. Photos need to be sent to stbartsChristmasCompetition@gmail.com by 8pm on Tuesday 15th Dec. All the competition winners will be announced, and prizes sent out, where possible, on Friday 18th Dec. Good luck!

Have a very Christmassy weekend.