



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter Friday 4th December 2020

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Doing collective worship via Google Classroom is a bit of a challenge and it sometimes works really well and sometimes technology defeats us! I was so pleased that it all worked well this morning. We discussed waiting – and what it means during advent. The children are incredibly reflective and when I asked what they thought Jesus would be wanting us to do at the moment, this was their reply: to be kind, fair, help others, not be hurtful, believe in people and yourself, to do good deeds, to respect each other, to pray to God, that all are treated equally, be the light of the world and finally love each other. In these uncertain times the one certainty we have is that your children *will* change the world - although they did tell me that I would have to wait to open each window on my calendar!

Christmas is definitely starting to be a feature in school – traditionally every class makes a hoop for the hall and these have been made and hung this week they really do look wonderful. Next Friday , 11th December, is Christmas jumper day and if you would like to add to our staff collection for Save The Children do please send a donation in. Christmas jumpers only please - the rest is school uniform.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Williams-Adebayo and in January we will welcome Mrs Ruth Badmus who will be teaching Y6 while Mrs W-A is on maternity leave. We look forward to hearing all about the baby when it arrives.

The end of term is rapidly approaching and arrangements for the last day will be as follows and hopefully that will work!

- Y5 and Y6 will leave via the Main Gate at 1.45pm;
- We will open the Peak Hill Gate for Y3 and Y4 parents at 1.50pm;
- We will open Carlton Terrace Gate for Y2, Y3 and Y4 parents at 1.50pm and
- Reception and Y1 children can be collected via the Peak Hill Gate at 2pm.

Next term will start a day later than advertised for the children, on Wednesday 6th Jan. We came back a day early in September so Monday 4th Jan is now a holiday and Tuesday 5th Jan is an inset day for staff. This will also give all of us a 'circuit break' after the Christmas bubbles which are due to end on the 27th December.

Rapid COVID-19 testing is coming to Lewisham soon. This is good news as more testing helps stop the spread of the virus and prevent the need for further restrictions. In advance of this, Lewisham Council would like to know whether you'd take a test and if not, why? Please take part in this 3-minute survey so Lewisham can better target the rapid testing when it comes. The link to the survey is <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/covid-19-rapid-test-survey>

Lewisham is doing really well on COVID-19. In school we are following all the guidance and ensuring that our routines of handwashing and ventilation are robust. I would ask that all parents and visitors to the site remember to wear masks, to keep moving and to keep a safe distance from one another.

As you will know, Y4 are out of school at the moment due to a positive case. We were able to act swiftly because we had all the information we needed. Should you need to inform us of any positive tests please use the Covid mailbox: covidresults@st-bartholomews.lewisham.sch.uk even during the holidays.

This email address will be monitored during the day, during the evening and over the weekend. This will enable us to work closely with Public Health England to act quickly should we need to and will enable me to ensure that we can have everything in place.

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, thank you to everyone for your kind words this week. Have a restful, peaceful and safe weekend.

Mrs Davies

Prayer for the week

God of hope be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond,
Be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together,
Be with us in our worship and our praying together,
Be with us in our advent journey to the stable and beyond
Our God of hope.

Amen

“Stars of the Week”:

Sea Turtle Class	Sho
Tiger Class	Kit
Snow Leopard Class	Maxime
Kea Parrot Class	Ivy
Polar Bear Class	Apollon
Giant Panda Class	Clara
Puffin Class	Carla
Sea Lion Class	Roman
Marine Iguana Class	Whole Class
Blue Fin Tuna Class	Whole Class
Scottish Wildcat Class	Keona
Monarch Butterfly Class	Elena
Black Jaguar Class	Whole Class
Black Rhino Class	Emily

Well done everyone!

Reminders from the Office:

There are only 3 days left to order from our latest Scholastic Book Club. Every £1 you spend will earn 20p for our school <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-bartholomews-se26/digital-book-club>

Dinners next term will be £64.40 for the half term or £128.80 for the full term.

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We hope you are getting into the swing of Christmas. As you can see from the photo below, it is already underway in school with our fabulous Christmas tree.

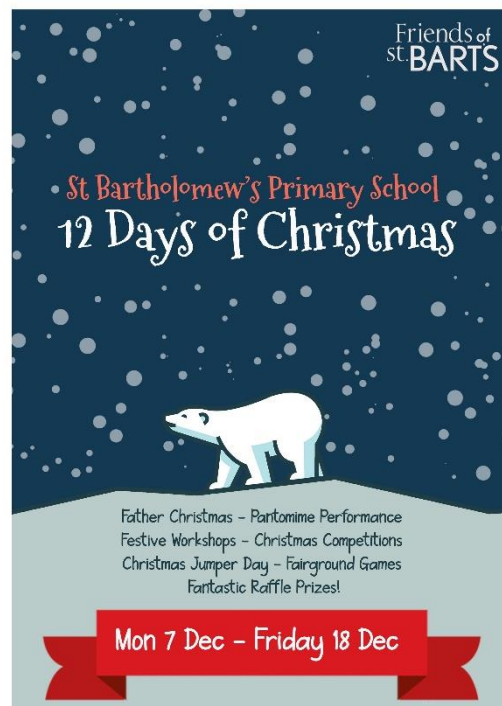
Our 12 days of Christmas starts from Monday, with lots of activities and events - most in school, but some to do at home too. We hope you are all gearing up for some Christmas baking, Lego model making and Christmas present upcycling for the competitions in the second week. The school will be in touch with year 4 to make sure they don't miss out.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Christmas Crafts zoom session. This session is now full. Details will be sent to those taking part shortly, and you will receive the kit next week via book bags.

We've had a huge number of raffle tickets returned by today's deadline, which is fantastic news. If you haven't been able to return them and would like to, we have managed to extend the deadline to 6pm on Sunday 6 Dec. You will need to email the friendsostbarts@gmail.com with your name, the class your child is in, and how many tickets you would like and make a payment via PayPal:

@ <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8uQGxbwtze>

The first draw will be on Monday and we will post the winner on Dojo at 6pm each day, so do look out for that.





12 Days of Christmas Activities

Monday 7 December - Friday 18 December - activities are free for all!

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	Event	What you need to do	How to enter
Mon 7 Dec	Sweets in a jar? Where is Rudolph?	- Guess the right number of sweets to win them! - Guess correctly in the grid for a prize!	Events in school
Tues 8 Dec	Santa's eco-sledge competition	Design an eco-sledge for Santa in class – the judge's favourite will win a prize	Event in school
Wed 9 Dec	Festive Dance Class	Learn some epic moves in this fun, funky and festive dance class. Come to school in your PE kit.	Event in school via Zoom
Thurs 10 Dec	Name the Elf (Reception to year 3)	The elf in your classroom needs a name!	Event in school
	Christmas Quiz (years 4 to year 6)	Festive questions to twist your brain	Event in school
Fri 11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Wear your Christmas jumper (or add tinsel and decorations to one you own)	Event in school – bring £1 for Save the Children
	Christmas Crafts	Make paper chains to decorate school	Event in school
	*Christmas craft tutorial - handmade decorations	Registration required – reply slip attached. £3 per child to pay for materials	Zoom session Instructions & craft kit supplied -
Sat 12 Dec & Sun 13 Dec - Get creative for Week Two *Please submit your competition photos by 8pm Tuesday 15th Dec*			
Mon 14 Dec	Christmas Bake-Off	Make a Christmas goodie – the judge's favourite picture will win a prize	Email a photo to stbartsChristmasCompetition@gmail.com Include your name and class
Tues 15 Dec	Festive Lego competition	Create a festive Lego model - the judge's favourite will win a prize	Email a photo to stbartsChristmasCompetition@gmail.com Include your name and class
	Christmas Upcycling competition	Make a Christmas present out of upcycled items from your home – the judge's favourite will win a prize	Email a photo to stbartsChristmasCompetition@gmail.com Include your name and class
Wed 16 Dec	Christmas lunch and Panto	Video screening of our bespoke panto shown in each classroom	Event in school
Thurs 17 Dec	Festive talent show	Prepare to sing, play or dance	Event in school
Fri 18 Dec	Father Christmas may be visiting...	Be good!	Event in school
	Grand announcement of competition winners	Winning photos will be shared on Dojo	