

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Year 5 Into University

Our Year 5 children enjoyed a visit from Into University last week. The children take part in activities and discussions to enable them to think about the wide range of choices they have in their future. We are so lucky that this is fully funded for our children.

Penguin Class Pony Visit



Last Friday, thanks to a very kind donation from a parent, the children in Penguin Class were able to have a pony ride! Bubbles the pony came into school and all the children had tremendous fun! It was a real treat – thank you so much to the parent who made this possible!



Year 6 Tests

Our Year 6 pupils have been sitting their national tests this week, like all year 6 pupils all over England. We hope that we make it as relaxed as possible but I know some children still get anxious. The results are one of the measures used to judge how good a school is (although we know that so much more goes into making a good school) but they are also shared with secondary schools. However, it is only one piece of information shared with those schools, so if a child doesn't do as well as expected, the school will know that.

Our children all worked hard this week and we are very proud of them. Well done, Jaguar Class!

Attendance Awards

At the beginning of this half term, we gave out over 60 100% attendance awards for the previous half term. Well done to all of those children! We have yet to organise the treat as the additional bank holidays and strike days caused a problem. They will have something though!

We are also sending out letters/emails to parents of pupils who fall below or who are close to falling below 90% attendance. This is termed as 'persistent absence' and parents/carers of children in this situation run the risk of being fined or prosecuted for their child's non-attendance at school.

Church School

The Choir With No Name & Wagner Group Teaching Session: Sunday 14 May

Beginning at 3pm on Sunday 14 May, the Choir With No Name, a choir for people with lived experience of homelessness and marginalisation, will be performing in the Wagner Hall. Doors open from 2.15pm, with tea and cake on offer before and during the performance. Tickets are £10 per person. They can be bought on the door or booked in advance using [this link](#). At 4pm on this same Sunday, the churches of the Wagner Group gather in St Paul's for a teaching session on Marian Devotion and the Rosary to which everyone is invited.

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Ascension Day: Thursday 18 May

On Thursday 18 May we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. In addition to the lunchtime Mass at St Bart's, we'll celebrate a Solemn High Mass at 7pm together with all the Wagner Group parishes and Fr Ian Edgar, Associate Vicar of North Lancing with Coombes, will preach. This is a day when all Christians should attend Mass, so please do try to be at one of the Masses.

School Mass

Our next School Mass for pupils in Koala Class, Red Panda Class, Pangolin Class and Jaguar Class is on Thursday 25th May - you are all welcome to join us. Please meet your child's class outside the school office and walk down to the church with them. If your child's class is not going to Mass but you would still like to join us, you would be very welcome.

Reminders and Notices

Film Night

Our next Film Night will be held on **Friday 19th May** from **3.00pm – 5.10pm** for children in **Year R - 6**. Children in Reception **MUST** be accompanied by a parent but otherwise this is a children-only event. Parents can collect from the Breakfast Club entrance (green door opposite Sainsbury's) at **5.10pm**.

The film the children will be watching is **Matilda the Musical** which is rated **PG**. By buying a ticket, you agree to your child watching this PG film.

This event will cost **£5** to be paid via ParentPay. This will include food and drink – please indicate on ParentPay which sandwich and drink your child would like. The deadline for signing your child up to Film Night is **10am on Thursday 18th May**. If you do not sign up on ParentPay before this deadline, your child **will not** be able to attend Film Night.

This is fundraising event. However, if your child would like to come but cost is a problem, please do speak to myself, Miss Banks or Mrs Christie-Davies.

If you are able to help with this event, please let the school office know and they will put you in touch with a member of the PTFA.

Sweets

Just a reminder that there should be **NO** sweets or chocolate bars in school - we have seen an increase in these recently. Please remind your children, especially the older ones who may go to the shop on the way to school. Any sweets or chocolate bars found will be confiscated and will only be given back to parents/carers.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher

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Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

May	June
19 th – Pangolin Class Assembly 19 th – Film Night 23 rd – Parent Forum (2.00) 26 th – Penguin Class Assembly 26 th – Non School Uniform – School Fund 26 th – Last day of half term	5 th – INSET Day 6 th – Pupils return 16 th – Koala Class Assembly 21 st – New Reception Children visit with Parents (9.15 – 10.15) 27 th – Sports Day 28 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 30 th – Red Panda Class Assembly 30 th – Summer Party (2.30 – 4.30)
July	
5 th – New Reception Children Visit & Parents Meeting (9.15 – 10.15) 6 th – Reports out 7 th – Year 6 transition day 13 th – Report drop-in 14 th – Bumblebee Class Assembly (2pm) 14 th – Year 6 Leaver's Disco (2.30 – 4.00) 17 th – St Bart's Got Talent (2.00 – 2.45) 19 th – Non Uniform Day - Food Bank 20 th – Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm) 21 st – Last day of term	