



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 3

Autumn 2023



Dear families,

Happy Autumn!... not deterred by the change in weather, we have lots to share already this half term. :-)

Mr Clark & the St Bart's Team

SPORTSPORTSPORTSPORT

Over the last few weeks, there have been a number of events and opportunities for children across year groups to represent the school.

Football

Over the last few weeks, teams from years 3-6 have been attending a series of 'round robin'-style matches, held at Rawlins. Most recently, we are proud to share, sporting our new St Bart's 'games' kit (donated by Anthony Poynton)



Cross Country

Last weekend (Sat 28th Oct) 35+ runners from St Bart's attended an event at Mallory Park. This was a tough course - particularly for a first 'outing' - but all of our runners represented us fantastically in terms of their determination and personal achievement. A big 'thank you' to families for driving out to what is a new venue, though nonetheless 'muddy' by lap 3!

SPECIAL MENTION - 'Sports Ambassadors'

I just wanted to take the time to say how impressed I've been with the commitment this team of pupils in Year 6 have shown. Since the start of the year, a number of children - having expressed their interest in this role - have set up activities, refereed games and maintained our playground shed very efficiently. Well done guys.

NEW SCHOOL MEAL PROVIDER

In the new year (January 2024) our kitchen team will be moving to 'COOMBS'.

"School lunches are a fantastic way to encourage your child to try new things. They also have huge importance in children's lives in education, helping them to maintain their concentration and energy levels throughout the day. School mealtimes are also a good opportunity for children to socialise with their peers and meet children from other year groups."

FOSBA

Following last night's AGM meeting in school, I am pleased to share that we were able to enlist a new 'Chair' (Graham Howell). Jenny Elsmore will continue to build on the fantastic work of the team by remaining as Vice Chair for the moment. **To ensure the future of our PTA we really need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. Please do contact me if this is something you feel able to offer.**

Give your best
03.11.23

THINKING SPACE

COMING SOON...

'Everyone's Welcome'

In a diverse society, citizenship is, and will continue to be, key for our young people.

We will be working through stories to consider and raise children's awareness of difference and acceptance.

Diary Dates

Odd Sock Day
Monday 13th November

Anti-Bullying Week
13th—17th November

Individual & Sibling (in school) Photos
Tuesday 14th November

Children in Need
Friday 17th November



Bradley's Supermarket



As a school we continue to work closely with local businesses. Our village store, Bradley's, has recently provided some funding to support families with the cost of uniform items. If this is something you feel would help please contact our School Business Manager. Details below.



Miss Anna Holland
School Business Manager
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Second Hand Uniform



Thank you for all the donations of second hand uniform – we no longer need additional donations. If this changes in the future we will let you know.

Football

On Monday 23rd October, a team of Year 3/4 girls and boys competed in a football tournament at Rawlins. They played superbly, demonstrating teamwork and moments of individual skill throughout, which earned them a well deserved second place finish. The children were also the first group of players to wear the brand new St Bart's sports kit! Well done to all involved; you represented the school brilliantly.

Mr Wright



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FoSBA's LOOKING FOR A TREASURER !

The role only requires basic Microsoft Excel skills and duties can be split between two people if needed. It doesn't require any special training but is a vital role linking our charitable status, bank account, and ensuring volunteers are reimbursed their costs.

Duties include:

- o Reimbursement of expenses and school donations
- o Arranging floats before events
- o Cash counting post events and banking
- o Producing financial statements for meetings
- o Record keeping
- o Analysis of takings

The role is essential to FoSBA, we cannot function without it. The school relies on us to fund extra resources. In 2022/23 we donated over £6,000 to renew reading books, pay for 'Jigsaw' (the whole school approach to personal, social, health, and economic education), subsidise coach travel for day trips, buy Go Pro cameras, and learning journey sketchbooks. We finance the Year 6 leavers' presents, and outdoor equipment to support the children's playtime. We cannot do this without a Treasurer.

Can you give something back? Email hellofosba@gmail.com

Cross Country News

The first cross country race of the season took part at the new venue of Mallory Park on Saturday 28th October. The undulating course was particularly challenging in the muddy conditions. We were really proud of the 34 runners who competed and represented our school. Altogether, there were nearly a 1000 KS2 runners taking part in the event.

The children and their race positions are listed below:

Year 3 Girls 88 competitors	Year 4 Girls 82 competitors	Year 5 Girls 99 competitors	Year 6 Girls 73 competitors
Elodie 19 th Lauren 64 th Orla 29 th Beatrice 9 th Molly 50 th Betrys 60 th	Flo 42 nd Marnie 10 th Heidi 54 th Harriet 13 th Willow 59 th Annabella 6 th Belle 11 th	Bella 27 th Alexandra 35 th	Gabriella 28 th Zlata 7 th
Year 3 Boys 133 competitors	Year 4 Boys 159 competitors	Year 5 Boys 111 competitors	Year 6 Boys 77 competitors
Reuben 2 nd Eddie 25 th Leon 93 rd Aldo 55 th Oska 19 th Anthony 120 th Khush 86 th	Eddie 153 rd Jack 128 th Xander 144 th	Sam 22 nd Keene 17 th Henry 4 th Leo 93 rd Laurie 55 th	Thomas 3 rd Josh 59 th

The next races are on 18th November and 2nd December.

If your children would like to enter either or both of these races, they should be opening up some more places soon. When they do, you need to enter online by following link:

[2023-Cross-Country - Leicester\(shire\) and Rutland Schools Cross Country \(primarycrosscountry.org.uk\)](https://primarycrosscountry.org.uk/2023-Cross-Country-Leicester(shire)-and-Rutland-Schools-Cross-Country)

Many thanks to the parents and to Mr Varney for his support with the lunchtime training.

Mrs Campbell and Mr Codd





COOMBS

Coombs Catering Partnership is delighted to be your new school meal provider. Our home cooked meals are freshly prepared and cooked daily in the school kitchen using the finest quality ingredients.

So why should you opt for a school lunch?

School lunches are a fantastic way to encourage your child to try new things, learn the correct way to behave properly during their meal and teach them how to correctly and safely use cutlery.

Making food fun!

Throughout the school year we will be organising themed days that could be linked in with school curriculum, promotions, competitions, invite a parent to lunch days and taster sessions.

Lunch Time

Each child is offered an option of either a traditional homemade meat or vegetarian meal accompanied with seasonal vegetables, daily salad/fruit pots, freshly baked bread, dessert or yoghurt.

Please look out for the new weekly menus that will be available soon.



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