



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 34

Autumn 2023



Dear families,

It's great to be writing to you again. School continues to move forward positively.

More parking... for scooters!



As you will be aware, 'phase 1' of our recent addition to the front of school, is complete. Owing to the number of bikes and scooters coming in to school, we hoped an extension to our original shelter, would help storing and securing them through the day. We are now waiting on Phase 2... a new tarmac surface for the path adjacent, and leading up to, the **scooter parking bay**.

Wear spots, raise lots!

Thank you for all of your donations for 'Children In Need 2023' and for the fantastic spotty outfits you encouraged your children to wear to mark the event, on 17th November. We raised an impressive £303.



Everyone's Welcome

Thank you to those of you who completed a recent 'diversity' questionnaire. This was just a small part of our work towards equality planning - protecting all characteristics - and curriculum development. At pupil level, building children's awareness and acceptance of 'difference', in an age and primary-appropriate way. The 'Everyone's Welcome' approach does this through a collection of great stories. **More to follow for our Spring launch.**

MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING!

We ran a successful Anti Bullying Week here last week in St Bart's, thanks to your brilliant children and our enthusiastic staff team. It was launched with a whole school assembly, sharing this year's theme of MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING! There was a focus on "banter v. bullying" and the children produced some super displays while sharing what to do if they are being bullied... or if they think someone they know is being bullied.

Some children completed a "Helping Hand", writing on the fingers the 5 trusted people they would tell, if they were worried about bullying. Some older children made posters about cyber bullying or about the difference between banter and bullying. We have two eye catching displays in school.

I am pleased to share that we are working towards our accreditation for the Local Authority 'Beyond Bullying Award' and this week was a great way to launch this. A big thank you to all our children, staff and to our Anti Bullying Lead Governor, Andrew Moonesinghe, for their enthusiasm, reflections and engagement during the week

Red Kites	Green Owls	Blue Falcons	Golden Eagles
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Mr Clark & the St Barts Team

Give your best
30.11.23

THINKING SPACE

Compassion

In this week's assembly, we reflected that being a 'good Samaritan', can take lots of forms... from offering a 'warm place', helping someone who has fallen over in the playground, supporting a classmate with work, to listening and offering a hug to a family member or friend.

Diary Dates

FOSBA Christmas Gift Sale
Friday 8th December

FS Christmas Productions
Mrs Indcox
Tuesday 5th December

Miss Basson
Wednesday 6th December

Mrs Dixon / Mrs Coates
Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7th December



Year 5 & Year 6 Hockey

On Monday 6th November, a group of 10 Year 5/6 children braved the cold and rain to play in a hockey tournament at Rawlins. They played against 7 other schools and came 3rd overall, managing to beat one local school 9-1!

Super effort and resilience all round – well done to Eashaan, James, Nancy, Josh, Florence, Bella, Shaylen, Sam, Peighton and Tristan.

Mrs Oakland

A group of 10 children, mostly girls, are posing for a photo in front of a white hockey goal at night. They are wearing dark blue or black hockey uniforms with white socks and blue or white shoes. Some are wearing bright green or yellow vests. The ground is covered with fallen yellow leaves, and the background shows a dark fence and some trees. The lighting is from a bright light source, possibly a camera flash, creating a strong glow on the children's faces and the goal.

Mrs Oakland



School Library

It has been a busy time in the library with Year 3&4, and Year 5&6 book clubs having visits from a representative from Quorn library. Year 3&4 got all the information on how to order books, how many they are allowed to take out and how the library works. They also had many challenging questions like 'how many books do you have in the library?' While Year 5&6 discussed their favourite authors and books.

After a week of discussing how they choose a book, and whether they judge a book by its cover, Year 3&4 are now designing their own book covers to go on display in our library. Year 5&6 have some themed weeks coming up where they are discussing; graphic novels, mystery and thrillers and biographies.

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A photograph of a 'Bookflix' display board mounted on a dark green textured wall. The board features a large black banner at the top with the word 'Bookflix' in red bubble letters. Below the banner, eight book covers are displayed in two rows of four. Each book cover is accompanied by a small white card showing a star rating and a brief review. The books shown include 'The Queen's Story', 'The Girl Who Swam', 'The Boy Who Swam', 'The Girl Who Swam', 'The Boy Who Swam', 'The Girl Who Swam', 'The Boy Who Swam', and 'The Girl Who Swam'. The reviews are written in small, illegible text.

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The display is titled "Bookflix" in large, red, stylized letters at the top. Below the title, eight book covers are arranged in two rows of four. Each book cover is accompanied by a small white card with a star rating and a short review. The books are:

- Top Row:**
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (4 stars)
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (5 stars)
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (5 stars)
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (5 stars)
- Bottom Row:**
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (5 stars)
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (5 stars)
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (5 stars)
 - The Girl on the Train* by Lucy Farrow (5 stars)



Cross Country News

Well done to the 33 key stage 2 runners who represented the school at the 2nd event of the season at Mallory Park on Saturday 18th November. The conditions were perfect for running but very muddy. The children all showed great effort and determination with many of them managing to beat their previous race position. Of particular note were Reuben who moved from 2nd place in the previous race to 1st in this race, Tony who moved from 120th to 83rd, Leo who moved from 93rd to 75th, Heidi who moved from 54th to 34th and Marnie who moved from 10th to 8th position. We also had some great running from Josh (36th), Max (41st) and Ethan (10th) – this was their first ever cross country race.

The children and their race positions are listed below:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elodie 13 th Orla 50 th Beatrice 11 th Molly 56 th	Flo 41 st Marnie 8 th Heidi 34 th Harriet 15 th Willow 47 th Annabella 11 th Belle 14 th Isla 57 th		Gabriella 22 nd Zlata 10 th
Reuben 1 st Eddie 17 th Aldo 45 th Oska 26 th Anthony 83 rd Max 41 st	Jack 97 th Theo 123 rd Ellis 102 nd Milo 35 th Josh 36 th	Sam 20 th Henry 5 th Leo 75 th Laurie 58 th Ellis 23 rd	Thomas 7 th Josh 55 th Ethan 10 th

The final race is on 2nd December. The final team positions will be decided after this event.

We would particularly encourage entries from UKS 2 girls.

If your child would like to take part, 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 for supporting your children to take part in the races.

Mrs Campbell and Mr Codd



Parking

Your co-operation is needed if you deliver and collect your children from school in the car.

The safety of all children is paramount!
Parents are asked **NOT** to park in the shaded areas on this plan.

Do not park on the corners of junctions, on the pavements and on double yellow lines or zig zags. They are there for the children's safety.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO WILLOWCROFT.

Parking in the school car park is for staff and disabled drivers only.

	Sand hills		The Deep-way		
		Warwick Avenue		Warwick Avenue	
			Willowcroft		Beacon Avenue
			Front		
			SCHOOL	Back Gate to the School	

NO PARKING please on the school car park when dropping off and picking up for school clubs
Please park responsibly, with the safety of our children and with thought to our neighbours.

Foxes Collaborative Partnership Enrichment Activities and Workshops for Children



One of our remits as a collaborative of six schools is to provide wider enrichment opportunities across the curriculum for groups of children. Together, we have organised a range of opportunities throughout the academic year which each school takes turn to organise and host. These have included an author workshop, art activities, computing and sporting activities. On Wednesday 22nd November, St. Bart's hosted a drumming workshop for a group of children from the local foxes schools. A group of children from St. Barts' were joined by children from Swithland, Cossington, Wymeswold, Kegworth and Burton.

Ben Emerton from Leicestershire led the activity working with djembe drums from West Africa. At the start of the afternoon, the children were quite nervous but by the end of the workshop, their confidence had grown and they worked together to perform their percussion pieces to some of the parents. The children all enjoyed the experience and we hoping to organise a further music opportunity for all our children at the end of the term.

The next collaborative event is a language morning (French and German) based at Wymeswold school to which some of our Year 3 children have been invited.



Mrs Campbell

Helping Hands



Helping
hand



Here is some information for you regarding help that you may be entitled to or can access if you are struggling in the current climate.

Trussel Trust Food Bank- 2 De Mountford Way, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 4RL

Home Start – support for families with stress, illness, mental health support, or just an ear -
0116 279 5062

Citizens Advice – 01509- 649605

Also included are Christmas activities that are happening locally or within Leicestershire that may be fun over the Christmas period.

<https://loveloughborough.co.uk/love-loughborough/christmas-in-loughborough-all-the-details-on-what-is-happening-in-the-town-centre/>

<https://allevents.in/loughborough/christmas>

<https://www.visitconkers.com/events/winter-wonderland/>

<https://www.manorfarm.info/>

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/east-midlands/leicestershire/loughborough>

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Sileby Christmas lights switch on and festive market—Friday 1st December 5.00pm—6.30pm

Mountsorrel Christmas light switch and Christmas Fayre—Sunday 3rd December 12.00pm—6.00pm

Quorn light switch on— Sunday 3rd December

Quorn Grange Hotel - Meet Santa. Friday 22nd December 10.00am—2.00pm

[Book online for tickets](#)

We are here for you all as much as your children. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

The St Bart's Team



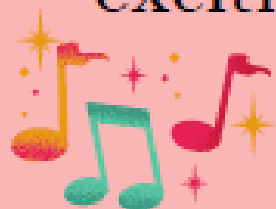


St Bartholomew's Children's Choir

Spring Term 2024

Join Anna, singing teacher and soprano,
for some more magical music-making!

Discover your voice and present
exciting music at St Bartholomew's
Church, Quorn



Recent highlight: 'Walking in the Air'
from *The Snowman*



Rehearsals: Thursdays 4.45-5.30pm

If your child likes to sing, do get in touch!
annajanedavies1@gmail.com - 07837572968



School Crossing Patrol opportunity attached to: St Bartholomew's CofE Primary School Quorn

Sept 2023

Are you a parent or carer who currently escorts your child(ren) to and from school each day?

Have you ever considered that by dedicating around 35-40 minutes of your time twice a day, you could help to make the routes to and from school safer for our children?

You can help them to cross the road and be paid whilst doing this.

Working times for this school: 08:10 – 08:45 & 15:00 – 15:35 (or slight variations of these hours)

There is currently a vacancy for a school crossing patrol, and the Safe & Sustainable Travel Team urgently requires your help to fill this post.

We offer the following:

- £10.50 per hour
- Full Training
- Summer and winter uniform

Leicestershire County Council relies on the local community to come forward and we are now appealing directly for someone who is reliable and conscientious, who would be prepared to take on this rewarding role. You will need to be willing to have a medical and must complete a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) form to authorise a Police check.

Please note that if nobody comes forward there will be no School Crossing Patrol and the site will remain uncovered, so please take extra care when crossing.

For further details and to apply please contact the SCP Team:

☎ 0116 305 7522

✉ scpservice@leics.gov.uk

Or visit:

<https://eism.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/lcc>

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The School Crossing Patrol Team

Environment and Transport Department

Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire LE3 8RJ

Telephone: 0116 305 0001 Fax: 0116 305 0006 Email: etd@leics.gov.uk

Ann Carruthers, Director



Children's Toys & Clothes Drive

Christmas 2023

@ Your Store

John Storer House

Accepting good condition
donations from

Now until Christmas

Please Drop off at the main
reception or at Your Store

John Storer House

Wards end,

Loughborough

LE11 3HA

Thankyou

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Accepting donations From
November until Christmas

We are asking for specific donations to make our
shop users Christmas special. Your support with
these items will create a memorable holiday
season for all.

- Christmas Crackers
- Stuffing mix
- Gift Toiletries
- Tins of Ham
- Ladies Sanitary
- Gravy
- Savoury Crackers
- Christmas decorations
- Chutneys or Jams (shop bought only)
- Christmas sweets & selection boxes
- Christmas Socks & Gloves
- Chestnuts
- 2024 calenders
- Christmas gifts
- Vegetarian Christmas food
- Wrapping paper
- Mince Pies
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mint Sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Canned Sprouts
- Packet mash

Please bring your donations to John Storer House Reception or Your Store.
we will accept donation between 9 am-5pm Monday- Friday.

Our Address