



St Bartholomew's Primary School

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Dear families, Here at last... the Christmas edition!

Dragons, dragons, everywhere!

All around the corridors of St Bart's, Dragons do slumber. I just wanted to acknowledge the fantastic writing and artwork that has come from the English work in Year 5/6 this half-term.



Sawyer's dragon seen here in flight.

NEW MENU... NEW MENU... NEW MENU

I am really excited to share that when we return after Christmas, our fantastic kitchen team + new providers, 'Coombs' = a brand new 3-week menu. This will be sent out to families in due course.



Going for gold!

Some great results and personal progress came out of this year's Autumn cross-country events, held at Mallory Park. CONGRATULATIONS to Reuben and Henry, our 'Gold medal' winners!

New Medication Policy

For your information, please look out for our updated policy - helping outline support and administration of medication for your child/ren during the school day. Please bear in mind, staff members do this voluntarily. This will be sent out over the course of Friday 5th January (our INSET day) in time for the start of term.

Next half term - a summary of some key learning:

Year 5/6 will be looking more closely at WW2, considering 'How people's lives shaped a nation? In Science, how does light behave?... Art - Where and how do the experiences and passions of both designer and viewer meet?

Year 3/4 'The Wonderful world of Roald Dahl'... Science - the human digestive system.; for Design Technology - mechanisms to make a pop-up book... and in History - the focus will be the Ancient Greeks.

Year 1/2 'Our wonderful world'... RE - What makes some places sacred to believers?... Geography - continents and oceans...in PSHE - 'Dreams and goals'... and for Art - Watercolours.

Foundation Stage 'What is your superpower?'... looking at the role of people working in the emergency services.

Christmas wishes

I am writing this Christmas greeting on the second Sunday of Advent, which particularly focuses on peace. As a church school, it is appropriate that we remember the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace and pray for peace in a troubled world. I pray that children, families, staff and all involved with our school would experience true peace in their hearts this Christmas (Romans 5:1-5, the Bible). A. Gibb, Chair of Gofs

Red Kites	Green Owls	Blue Falcons	Golden Eagles
1606	1639	1715	1684

Give your best
20.12.23

THINKING SPACE



"No book ever ends, when
it's full of your friends"

Roald Dahl

(The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me)

Diary Dates

Church Service
Wednesday 20th
December

End of Term
Thursday 21st December

Start of Term
Monday 8th January



Year 3 & 4 Visit—Shree Hindu Temple

This term has been busy for year 3 and 4. At the beginning of November we visited the Shree Hindu Temple in Leicester. This was part of our topic on Hinduism, 'What do Hindus believe God is like?' We were very lucky to see worshippers celebrating Diwali. We were given a talk and we were allowed to walk around and look at all the murtis; what a beautiful place for a visit.

This week we also made a visit to the Baptist Church in Quorn. We were all made so welcome and the team, along side Keith from SOAR, had set out several Christmas prayer stations for the children to visit. We made paper chains with our hopes and dreams and imagined ourselves in the nativity scene. Before this, Keith had visited school to deliver an act of collective worship about the shepherds and Mary. It really got us all into the Christmas spirit.



Visiting Illustrator & Artist

On Wednesday 6th December, Gerald Ball, a published illustrator/artist of over 50 years and grandad of Millie and Freddie, visited Miss Fielden's/Mrs. Nel's class. Gerald spoke to us about his life and career in art – first as an art teacher, and then as a professional illustrator with his own company.

We asked Gerald lots of interesting questions and he fascinated us with his answers. We even learned that his favourite colour is blue, he prefers to paint scenery and that his trickiest subject at school was maths!

Gerald showed us lots of his amazing artwork, which we absolutely loved. The majority of the class said that they were going to do more artwork in their spare time as a result of listening to Gerald and looking at the wide variety of art that he had produced.

Thank you, Gerald!

Have a look at his artwork at: <https://www.geraldball.com/about>



Christmas Jumper Day

School raised £273 on Christmas Jumper Day which has been donated to Save The Children.

Thank you for your support.



Volunteer Helpers in School

If any parents are interested in volunteering in school then further information can be found by visiting :

<https://www.st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk/page/?title=Volunteering&pid=97>

Thank you

Anna Holland

School Business Manager

Action For Children—Bake Sale

£265.80 was raised for Action for Children charity by children holding a bake sale last Friday (15th December). Well done to Rosie, Darcey, Lucy, Gabriella, Imogen, Isla and Max.

www.actionforchildren.org.uk



Gingerbread Houses

Team building – Gingerbread houses



Creating gingerbread houses was incredible! It was an amazing experience since we could all have fun while working as a team with our friends. We feel like it was a really exciting activity to do towards the end of term. Our classmates enjoyed it as we were all having a break from our every- day subjects and



instead doing an unusual, memorable activity as a class. It is always nice to do an activity related to our lesson, like the gingerbread houses. Hansel and Gretel was a great topic as everyone enjoyed reading and writing about it, (and especially making the gingerbread houses). We got to look at everyone's houses, and they were all unique and creative. Everyone got to input their ideas and all worked as great team members. This was a fantastic way for learning about Hansel and Gretel, and being able to use our imaginations of what we pictured the Witches sweet house to look like. Best of all we got to eat it!



Rosie and Livia Lester



Thank you to Tesco for donating all of the gingerbread houses!



Library News

It's been a festive run up to the end of term in the library. The book clubs have shared Christmas themed books and made Christmas cards out of old book pages. The Junior Librarians have been busy decorating the library with recycled book page bunting, decorations and a wreath. KS1 have also joined in the fun with festive story times in the library.

Mrs Cherry
Librarian



Quorn Ukulele Orchestra

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome the Quorn Ukulele Orchestra into school. They performed a mixture of Christmas and popular songs to the KS2 children. The children enjoyed the performance and joined in clapping and singing along with the songs.

Most of our KS2 children currently play the ukulele or have played this instrument in school and so it is particularly beneficial for these children to be part of this live performance.

Mrs Campbell



Santa Dash

Many thanks to Mr McAtee for organising the Santa Dash this year.
The dull, wet weather did not subdue the children's enthusiasm.





Winter **WATER SAFETY**

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THE ICE FORMED ON OPEN WATERS AND ADULTS FIND THEMSELVES AT RISK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM. OVER 50% OF ICE RELATED DROWNING INVOLVED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A DOG

TOP TIPS



Keep away from the edge of the water



Only walk in well lit areas



Keep dogs on their leads



Walk with an adult or group of friends



Never go on the ice under any circumstances

WHAT TO DO IN DANGER



Shout help and call 999. Use your what3words location



Never go onto the ice to try and rescue a person or animal



Keep an eye on the person in danger



If possible lie flat to spread your weight



Wait for the emergency services