



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 3

Summer 2024



Dear families,

And so, I find myself sat writing the last newsletter of the year!... this last half-term has been a whirlwind in school and I'm sure for you as families not dissimilar. I hope the children have enjoyed their end of term/ year experiences.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Firstly, I'd like to take the time to express a 'thank you'... to:

Mr Gurski - for enabling us to use his speaker/ PA system at our FS and KS1 Sports Day

Quorn Football Club - for hosting our KS2 Sports Day event

Rawlins PE Dept and students - for their supervision of our KS2 Sports Day events

Mr Ball - musical direction at our disco events

FOSBA - providing refreshments for our summer term in-school events

You all - for returning your report comment slips... it means a lot to receive them

The 'St Barts Shield'

Introduced in 2020 - 21 by Mrs Boston, this award is given to the 'stand out' Year 6 pupil of their cohort and year. Our runner up this year, Delilah, has shown maturity and a conscientious approach all year - "a good all round role model". Our winner this year is Joshua, a 'learning sponge', who has been described as an amazing friend and support. Congratulations to you both... and to year 6, who celebrated openly this success with you both.



Blue Falcons lift the trophy

This year has been unique in many ways but also in that each of our three sports day events, has been won by one house team... our 'Blue Falcons'. Well done team! I would also like to add how supportive all children had been across and between house teams - both at the events and back in school - including our Year 6 pupils, a number of whom have helped manage events this year

WATER SAFETY

Please take good care over the summer - this includes our local 'open' water areas. In many ways, we are very fortunate to have water environments very local to us - the river, canal and couple of nearby lakes - but we all need to remain vigilant owing to the temperature of the water, the very different currents and strength of the water movement, particularly when in flood. Mrs Wharton is taking a lead in a petition to increase the focus on swimming within school curriculums.

Wishing you all well but Signing off for the summer break,

Mr Clark &
the St Bart's Team

Give your best
10.07.24

THINKING SPACE

Taken from our Yr 6 'Leaver's service' prayer:

This journey is about enjoying new adventures

This journey is about making new friendships

This journey is about discovering new wisdom

Enjoy your summer 'journeys'

Diary Dates

School Opens
Wednesday 28th August

October half term
Monday 21st to Friday 25th October



Library

Thank you to everyone who supported the sale of old library books and handmade bookmarks on Friday 21st June. We raised £95 which will go towards purchasing new books for the library next term.

Mrs Cherry
School Librarian



Quorn in Bloom



Last Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome members of Quorn in Bloom into school.

The school has been included as part of the East Midlands in Bloom Competition. They were impressed with the work the children have been doing in growing vegetables and engaging with the natural world.



Thank you to Mr Gilding and Mrs Standley who have been working with groups of children on a range of litter picking and planting projects.

Mrs Campbell



School Attendance

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences: What you need to know about the changes.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for unauthorised absences that occur after 19th August 2024.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court.

Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.



Please consult your school's attendance policy and speak with your school if you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term-time. It is likely you will need to make a written request to take your child out of school and any leave of absence will need to be agreed by your Headteacher before it is taken.

FLUTE/FIFE/RECORDER LESSONS KEYBOARD (PIANO) LESSONS

Your school's visiting flute/fife teacher, Caroline Faulkner, has spaces to start more pupils. Pupils usually start on the plastic Yamaha fife and move onto the flute when ready, although Y5/Y6 pupils may wish to begin on the flute immediately. Individual and small group recorder lessons are also available.

Day: Tuesdays after school

Age: Year 3 upwards (flute/fife), Year 2 upwards for recorder

Cost £5.50 (shared lesson), longer or individual lessons available

Pupils play in assemblies and other musical events when possible.

Trial lesson available

For more information contact Caroline Faulkner on 07792568994

faulknerflutes@gmail.com

KEYBOARD (PIANO)

Lessons for beginners and those who already play. Suitable for those with piano or keyboard at home (I can advise on getting one).

Day: Tuesdays after school

Age: Year 3 upwards

Cost: £11 (individual lesson)

Opportunity to play in assemblies etc

Trial lesson available

Contact details as above



Buddon Brook Walk

This half term, the children in Year 3 and 4 went on another local walk to Buddon Brook. The first walk took place during the winter months. This time, we went on a summer walk to see how the local vegetation had changed and how much more wildlife we could find.

The children notice a huge difference and enjoyed using keys to identify the names of local plants and animals. We also walked in the brook, catching fish and tadpoles and seeing how many invertebrates they could find. It was a hot day so the water was welcome. The children managed to see lots of different creatures including one class who initially thought they had seen a snake until they found out it was a slow worm!

Thank you to all the parents who walked with us on the trip.



There are still a few tickets left for CELEBRATE! a whole day of activities for primary school aged children. Wednesday 14th August.

Quorn Churches Holiday Club will be running this event for you to leave your children at but then to come along at 4pm to see and hear what they have been doing. We also invite you to join with us all for a snack tea (which will be provided). Please buy tickets either by using the QR code on the attached poster or click on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quorn-churches-holiday-club-celebrate-tickets-914419361927>. Having bought the tickets we will then ask you to fill in a registration form so that we can ensure that all the children are kept safe.



present a full-day
Holiday Club event

Loads of activities as we see how people in
the Bible CELEBRATE! God.

Songs, crafts, games, stories

Suitable for 5-11 year olds

Bring your own lunch & snacks



WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST

9.30am - 4pm followed by 'Show & Tell' & snack tea

QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH, MEETING STREET

Cost: £10 for first child
& £5 for subsequent children
from the same household

Tickets available from Eventbrite:

Phone: 01509 621106

Facebook: [quornchurchesholidayclub](https://www.facebook.com/quornchurchesholidayclub)

Email: quornchurchesholidayclub@gmail.com

