



St Bartholomew's Primary School

Newsletter No 1

Autumn Term 2024



Dear families,

Welcome back!... I'm really pleased to share just how well all of the children are settling back in and I extend that to our new starters (well done!)... and the staff team of course :-)

In terms of my newsletter, for those new to us, I ordinarily aim to keep you all updated at least twice over a half-term. I appreciate that in this first addition, there are a number of reminders (overleaf, or as you scroll through) and there will have been a number of e-mail communications as we start back and settle in!... it will settle

Coming soon...

Foundation Stage 2025/ '26

We are already thinking about our potential new starters for next Autumn ('25) and in response to a number of enquiries for places next year, we will be holding 'open' **afternoon and evening sessions on Wednesday 25th September.**

Parent's Evening

More specific details to follow, but as a 'heads up'...

EYFS/ KS1 (Yr 1, 2) week beginning Mon 7th October

KS2 (Yr 3 - 6) week beginning Mon 14th October

CARES code

Whether new to you or a refresh, you will find this **on pg 5**. This is something we carefully model as well as draw our pupils' attention to across all aspects of school life. It also forms an expectation for our parents/ carers too, as a community, in terms of the partnership we aim to build with you.

Supervision

In the morning, at drop off and afternoon collection time, there will always be a member(s) of staff out around both gate areas. However, across such a large area, we are unable to supervise children closely at these times. Key things to note:

- **NO ball games** in the morning or afternoon;
- Field and the wooded area around the edge to remain clear please;
- Use of equipment needs direct supervision from a parent/ carer, thank you.

Mr Clark (Headteacher)

'Give your best'

10th September 2024

THINKING SPACE

In assembly this week...

'Unexpected turns'

Life is a journey and the road we travel has twists and turns that sometimes lead us to unexpected people and unexpected places

Diary Dates

Pupil Flu Immunisation

Monday 7th October

Harvest Festival Church Service

Thursday 17th October

Half Term

Mon 21st to Fri 25th

October

Diary dates for the Autumn term and beyond, will be confirmed shortly and will then be sent out to families.

Change of personal details...?

If you have changed your contact phone number or email recently, or moved house, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Hair

For Health and safety reasons, we ask that all children with shoulder length (and longer) hair, have their hair tied up and back for the school day.

We will also ask that some longer styles (not quite of that length) are also tied up and/ or back, for particular activities - largely, but not exclusive to, PE sessions (alice/ sports bands can be great for this).

We have already had a very significant incident and injury, through no fault of the child's or others, but which has highlighted the importance of re-establishing this at this early stage.

Many thanks in advance.

Hand Hygiene

Regular hand-washing/ sanitizing is still key to keeping us safe and well in school.

We ask that unless your child has a specific skin condition, that you **do not** send them in with their own hand sanitiser. We have plenty of anti-bacterial gel around school as well as regular opportunities for children to wash their hands with warm water and soap. If, for a medical reason, your child needs separate gel/ soap, please drop their class teacher an email or speak to a member of the school office.

Thank you.



Asthma

This time of year - with the transition to the onset of cold, damp weather - can often be challenging for children with asthma.

Parents please make sure - inhalers...

- and spacers are named;
- are in date;
- are in school every day.

Also, that...

- Forms and Asthma UK cards are filled in and returned to the school office.

If your child has recently been diagnosed with Asthma, please call in at the school office to have this recorded and to collect the forms.



Nut Allergies

Please ensure that any food brought into school does not contain nuts as we have many children who are allergic to nuts of any type.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes *severe* and can be life-threatening. Allergic reactions are not always caused by the child eating nuts; close proximity to nuts can cause a reaction.

So please be aware of foods such as Nutella and their new B-Ready bars which contain hazel nuts.

Help us to keep all of our children safe by remaining NUT-FREE.



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 gate		
			SCHOOL	Back Gate to the School	

NO PARKING please on the school car park when dropping off and picking up for school clubs

No Dogs

Please do not bring dogs onto our school site and do not leave them tethered and unattended at either the front or back school gates.

Thank you



Please **walk with wheels** in the school grounds for everyone's safety.

Thank you

School Lunch/Packed Lunches

Our school lunch menu can be found on our school Website:

<http://www.st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners&pid=35>

As a Healthy School, we actively encourage our children to eat healthily. **Please ensure that you are sending your child to school with a nutritious and balanced packed lunch, trying also to avoid any chocolate or sweets for snacktime.**

Please also remember to send water as a drink and not juices of any kind.

Thank you.

Sarah Oakland (Assistant Headteacher)

**REMINDER – WE HAVE A STRICT
'NO NUT' POLICY**

WELCOME

This term we welcome some new staff members to the St Bart's Team.

Mrs Ogram (Midday Supervisor)

Mr Spray (Cleaner)

Mr Clark (Cleaner)

I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all a warm welcome to the school,

Mr Clark

Staggered Timings

'School day' timings - from Autumn 2024

	Morning	Afternoon
	Mon – Friday	Mon – Thu`
	Classrooms open:	Collection time:
Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 (Yr 1, 2)	8.30am	3.15pm
Key Stage 2 (Yr 3, 4, 5, 6)	8.40am	3.25pm
		Fridays
	Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 (Yr 1, 2)	2.00pm
	Key Stage 2 (Yr 3, 4, 5, 6)	2.10pm



St Bartholomew's CARES

- C** - Co-operate kindly with others.
- A** - Aware that everyone is important and individual.
- R** - Respect others and take responsibility for our actions.
- E** - Enjoy school and be enthusiastic.
- S** - achieve Success through challenging ourselves to...

GIVE OUR BEST.



Our school website

www.st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk

Copies of this newsletter will be sent via In-touch.

A paper copy will be sent home for those parents who require one.

A larger print version for this newsletter is available from the school office.

This can also be accessed our website at www.st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk

For anyone wishing to contact our Governing Body please email on:

governors@st-bartholomews.leics.sch.uk

School Dinner Money

Just a reminder that school dinners are currently free for those children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. The cost for school dinners for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are currently £2.65 a day / £13.25 a week.

Just a reminder, as per our School Meals Debt Policy

Parents/carers are required to pay in advance for school meals through their child's dinner money account on Parentpay. We no longer accept cash or cheque for payment of school dinners. If you require a Parentpay log in then please contact the school and we can arrange this for you.

If a parent/carer forgets to pay in advance the school will grant a debt allowance of one day and the School Business Manager will send you a text advising you that your child's account is in debt and to ask for this to be cleared.

Free School Meals – benefits related

Some parents will also qualify for Free School Meals, details below :

Criteria for Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you would like to enquire as to whether you qualify please apply via the Parent Portal on Leicestershire County Councils website. The link to this is below but is also available on the schools website under the School Dinners section.

Parent Portal : <https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/>

This allowance is a statutory right and it is important that you use it if you qualify. You will also get other benefits from this, for example, school trips funded, uniform voucher each academic year, carton of milk in school.

Quorn Library



A Celebration of Chemistry

Quorn Library is very pleased to be again, taking part in Chemistry Week in November. This is supported by a grant from the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The theme is:

Chemistry is shaping the future

The 3Rs – Reuse, Recycle and Reduce

During November there will be chemistry workshops with lots of hands-on experiments, a treasure hunt in the library and a games afternoon to learn more about recycling.

Please look at the library's social media and information in the library during October to find out the details.