



"Doing our best to be the best"

Week Beginning:
2019 Spring 05

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Dates to remember

- 18 February to 22 February inclusive - Half term
- 25 February- Back to school
- 25 February - Pine class to Sea Life Centre trip
- 28 February - Coffee Morning for parents
- 7 March-World Book Day- come in your PJs and bring your favourite bedtime story or come as a character from that story

Attendance week ending

- Best Class attendance - Pine 98.6%
- Best Team attendance - St Andrew 94.6%
- Best Class Punctuality - Saplings, Oak and Ash all with NO late marks
- Best Team Punctuality - St Andrew
- Whole School attendance – Improved to 92.5%**



ParentPay

Well done to all parents that has activated their account and booked lunch. For us to move onto booking tuck, trips & Rainbow Childcare through ParentPay we need everyone to activate their account over half term and to book lunch if you haven't already. If you have any problems or need your username and password please contact the school office.

Non-Uniform day

One of 'our' families has suffered a significant bereavement and as a school we would like to show our support. On Friday 1st March (after half term) there will be a non-uniform day in order that we can provide a 'gift' to the family at this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all concerned.

Collection from Nursery - a polite reminder

The Nursery doors are open for parents to collect at 3pm and 3.30pm only as staff are needed in the unit to care for children between these times.

Any late collections after a child's official finish time will incur a charge of £2. i.e. if you are late for the 3pm collection, you will have to wait until 3.30pm and pay £2.



SAFEGUARDING

Please be aware that disputes between parents that may impact on the well-being of 'our' children or 'our' staff will be referred to the police. All parents associated with the school need to ensure they respect the school as a place where 'we' work hard to ensure the children are safe, happy and learning.

Parent Questionnaire

Thanks to the efforts of our team of prefects Jorge, Jodie, Owen, Lucy, Max, Amaya and Harvey the majority of parents attending one of the parents meetings this week completed a questionnaire. If you have yet to complete a questionnaire please contact the school office and Ish or Steph will email you a copy. Once we have all the questionnaires back we will publish the results and take on board suggestions made.

Young Lions Charity Event

Weds 6th Feb at SAET Training Centre. 10 children from Years 5 and 6 were involved in planning and generating ideas to help support the work of Kidderminster Lions Charity Group. The morning was spent mind mapping and deciding on ventures which would assist the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

The children from St. Bartholomew's, Stourport Primary and Hartlebury Primary have provisionally generated the idea of an activity day including football, netball matches, BBQ and races to help raise money for new toys to be placed in ambulances for those children who find themselves scared and worried in the back of an ambulance. Watch this space for more news on the project.



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**Rainbow Childcare**

Rainbow Childcare operates a breakfast club from 7.30 a.m. until school starts each day and after school care until 6.00 p.m. The Rainbow Team have worked hard to plan a program of indoor and outdoor activities for the autumn term and they will happily discuss with you your childcare needs.

How to book and cost:

Breakfast Club £2.00 for 30 min or £4.00 for 1 hour.

After School Club £4.00 for 1 hour, £8.00 for 2 hours or £8.50 for whole session until 6.00pm.

When booking can you please book with the school office to ensure you have confirmation that a place has been booked for your child.

To book a child into the above 24 hours notice is required and to cancel, 48 hours in needed.

The support of the Friends of St Bart's

I have asked the committee of the Friends to share with you all the work they do to enrich the school life of your children. They certainly have a great track record:

Friends events in 2017:

- 2 cinema nights.
- McMillan coffee morning.
- Mother's Day and Father's Day secret rooms.
- Arranged leaver's hoodies, mugs and year books.
- Street party for the Queen's Birthday.
- A visit by the Animal Man to enable all the children to experience exotic animals up close and personal.
- 2 Discos.
- Kemp Hospice charity Christmas decorations.
- Winter Fair.

The money raised in 2017 paid for:

- £700 contribution for a Defibrillator
- £76 towards the Year 2 trip
- £49 for the purchase of Netball skirts with school logo embroidery
- £70 contribution to the year 6 Dolygaer trip
- £60 towards the Year 3 Professor visit
- £250 towards the Year 1-6 first aid course
- £62 contribution to the Reception trip

- £50 towards the year 6 Leavers Disco
- £54 contribution to the Sea life Centre trip
- £320 for Christmas sweet tubes

Friends events in 2018:

- McMillan coffee morning.
- 100 armistice commemorative wreath competition.
- Sports day refreshments for parents and children
- Year 6 end of year performance refreshments for parents and children.
- Year 6 leavers hoodies, mugs and year books.
- Mother's Day and Father's Day secrets room.
- 2 Discos.
- Used Clothing collections.
- A return visit by the Animal Man.
- Ice cream Friday's.
- Summer Fair.
- Winter Fair.

Payments made in 2018:

- £185 towards the Year 5 & 6 residential donation
- Friendship bench £457.50
- Author visit £54
- Half of the school film license £40.17
- Year 6 leavers disco £50
- Year 6 yearbooks £231
- Year 2 & 3 Birdland trip contribution £160
- Staff request games pencils and Hoodies £131.59
- Christmas sweet tubes £259.11
- Staff request cameras £120

Friends of St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

On Thursday 28th February parents are invited to a special coffee morning to share with you the many positive events that go on at our school particularly around the work of the Friends of St Bart's. The coffee morning will be at 8.30 a.m. in order that straight after you have dropped off your children parents can come for a drink.



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Please type the following link into your web browser to see some online safety tips from National Online Safety <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/catfishing-online-safety-guide/>

Geometry session for year 4

Mr Ian James from SAET came to deliver a 'nature inspired' geometry session to Willow class on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed having him talk about measurement and accuracy in nature and then gave the children an opportunity to have a go at creating accurate shapes themselves using compasses! Learning this new skill was quite tricky, but the children persevered and went from strength to strength. We can't wait to have another go!



Reminder regarding school attendance:

What St. Bartholomew's and the Severn Academies Educational Trust expects from Pupils:

- To attend regularly and on time
- To ensure their child attends school on those days it is open, punctually, dressed in full uniform and equipped to learn.
- To ensure their child attends every day the School is open unless they are too ill to do so.
- To avoid keeping their child away from the School for any reason other than illness or other authorised reason.

- Not to arrange holidays during term time.
- On the first day of absence inform the School office if their child is unable to attend including the reason for absence and expected date of return. In all academies parents are requested to confirm in writing on their child's return the reason for their absence.
- If no indication of a return date has been given, parents/carers should contact the Academy on each day of absence.

Authorised/Unauthorised Absence:

Authorised absence is where the School has given approval for absence in advance or where the explanation given afterwards has been accepted as satisfactory justification for the absence. Parents/carers may not authorise absence; only the School can do this.

* Parents/carers should contact the School Office (by telephone/ email or text) by 9.30am on the first morning of absence, giving a reason and an expected date of return. **This should be followed up by a note on the child's return.**

* Absence may be authorised for such reasons as:

- * illness
- * unavoidable medical/dental appointments
- * exceptional family circumstances e.g. bereavement
- * exclusion
- * involvement in a public performance/sporting events
- * days of religious observance

* Absence will not be authorised for such reasons as:

- * looking after siblings/unwell parents
- * birthdays
- * days out e.g. The Three Counties show
- * shopping trips
- * family holiday where permission has not been granted (please note, family holidays during term time will not be approved)
- * special occasions, where the School does not agree that the absence should be granted.
- * Medical/dental and other appointments should be arranged **out of school hours** wherever possible. Where this is not possible, **pupils should come to school before the appointment, and return to school afterwards.**
- * Following an explanation from parents/carers regarding a pupil's absence, the School will decide whether or not it accepts the explanation and authorise/unauthorise accordingly.
- * Absence which hasn't been explained will remain as unauthorised.