

#### St Bartholomew's Primary School

## **Newsletter No 3** Spring 2024

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#### THINKING SPACE

Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education.

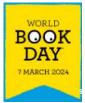
Children who read books often at age 10 and more vocabulary and spelling

Did you know?...

than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, tests.

#### Dear families,

It does seem very much at odds to write that the Spring term, in school at least, is coming to a close when Spring has only just begun... not sure the weather is aware! Despite being very short, this has been a very full four weeks so lots to write about though :-)



#### **World Book Day**

A marvelous collection of characters descended upon school, for what has become one of the most important days 'in the world'!... A day dedicated to the importance of books and reading - NO SCREENS :-) Thank you to everyone for their costume efforts and taking the time to capture children's reading... even in the most unusual places!

#### RND..RND..RND..

Last Friday, we joined the National event by wearing red... and it really did feel, in school, like just about everyone had managed to find something in their wardrobe :-) Our collective efforts helped raise £322.00



#### Year 3/4 music concert

Sometimes things naturally have a ripple effect. The idea with this, was to provide a performance element to the Yr 3/4 phase year and share some of the children's music-based learning. However, the children's engagement and the quality of their performance has been wonderful and provided special moments to share. Encore performance being held today!

#### 'Everyone's Welcome'

I just wanted to say 'thank you' to those of you who came to look at the collection of books that form the frame for this programme, during parent's evening week. A number of you also chose to leave comments, supporting consideration of all aspects of diversity in a gentle way, through stories, with a view to respecting difference and getting along better together.

#### Not so... 'horrible' histories

From the Jurassic world to the splendor of the Victorian era, children in Foundation Stage and Year 2, have continued to step back in time with the help of artefacts, costume and our Library services 'Museum Educator'-led workshops this half-term.

#### 48hr sickness rule

It is really important we are supported to maintain this. We have a number of children and members of the staff team unwell over the course of the Spring term. When a child is physically sick and/ or presents with an upset stomach, it is important to create a reasonable 'break' to prevent the inevitable spread in school - like many other settings, our rule on this, is 2 days.

#### Mud + smiles = Cross Country

This time, held at Charnwood College, Loughborough. Well done all who represented the school at this County level event.

> Have a Happy Easter everyone, Mr Clark & the St Bart's Team



| Red Kites | Green Owls | Blue Falcons | Golden Eagles |
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| 1098      | 1446       | 1250         | 1118          |

#### Diary Dates

**FS Trip to Manor Farm** Thursday 18th April

#### **Reading Event for Parent**

Thursday 18th April 2.30-3.00pm (Hall) Monday 22nd April 6.30-7.00pm (online teams)

#### **Year 6 Trip to Warning** Zone

Monday 22nd April

#### **KS2 SATs Week**

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May



#### Stand Against MND—Charity Bike Ride

Calling all cyclists! Sign up for the Stand Against MND charity bike ride on Sunday 28th April. We will be setting off from Quorn village car park (opposite Bradley's) at 9am. The route will be (a leisurely) 50 mile loop incorporating a stop along the way. We're looking for 50 people to take part so please spread the word. Enter by donating £10 using the JustGiving link at the bottom of the email.

About the charity: Sam Perkins is the uncle of Lily Stonehouse, a pupil at St Bart's. At the age of 37, Sam was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and reacted by starting his own charity, Stand Against MND (SAM). SAM raises money to fund research towards a cure and treatments for MND and also funds palliative care for those affected by MND. When you're diagnosed with MND there's a 50/50 chance you will die within just 2 years. Investment in research is the best way to change that. Join our Fifty50 campaign and help make that difference.

#### Here's the link:

Charity Bike Ride setting off from Quorn. Fundraising for the Stand Against MND Fifty50 Campaign



Charity Bike Ride setting off from Quorn. Fundraising for the Stand Agai...

Help Andrew Stonehouse raise money to support Stand Against MND

#### Flute / Fife / Recorder 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.

Lessons currently take place on Tuesdays after school

Lessons are available for pupils in Year 3 upwards (flute/fife), Year 2 upwards for recorder

Lessons are priced at £5.50 (short lesson alone or longer lesson shared)

Pupils play in assemblies and other musical events when possible.

Free trial lesson by arrangement.

#### **World Book Day in the Library**

There was lots of fun to be had in the Library on World Book Day. Pupils came in their costumes to take part in 'pin the pants on Captain Underpants', guess the pages in the book, wordsearches and quizzes along with many other activities. The Year 6 junior librarians were kept busy helping everyone, and a great time was had by all.

This term the school book clubs have enjoyed; writing book reviews, making book page flowers and completing library scavenger hunts.

CAPTAIN THOUSE PANTS

Mrs Cherry

#### **Bake Sales—Well Done**

Well done to our children who have successful organised bake sales. They have done a great job in raising money for selected charities.



### **Congratulations—TT Rock Stars**

Congratulations to the following children in Year 4 who have turned their times tables heatmap 'green' on TT rockstars.

Indi K, Sophie G, Freddie B, Mason K, Bobby C, and Reuben R.

Keep practising hard to earn your certificate after Easter.



# St Bartholomew's United Church All Age Family Service



## Sunday 24th March 10.30 am in Church

Easter is coming - take home a palm cross to remind you of the story of Jesus
You are welcome to stay for coffee, tea, squash & biscuits after the service