



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents

WELCOME

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed the fantastic weather we had. It has been a delight to welcome your children back to school this week; they have settled into their new classes extremely well and already working very hard. We also welcome Mrs Tooth, Miss Morris, Miss Robinson, Miss O' Rourke, Mrs Banks and Miss Rogerson who have joined our staff team this year. We are looking forward to sharing another happy and successful year with you all.

VALUE OF THE MONTH

Each month at St Bart's we actively promote a particular value. We relate this to how it is shown in the bible and what it looks like in action, both inside and outside of school. The value for September is friendship. We will be discussing with children what makes a good friend and how friendships help us in our lives. This value will form the basis of our collective worship each morning and will also be discussed in class.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Ben will be leading our Holy Communion and Blessing Service for Years 1- 6 on Tuesday 18th September at 9.10 am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

HARVEST

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 19th October in St. Bartholomew's Church at 9.30 am. All parents are very welcome to attend. Could any gifts please be brought into school on Thursday 18th October. These will be donated to Wolverhampton Food Bank.

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM AGORA

As you are aware, we have recently changed to a new system called Agora for all online payments to school. You should have received a username and password which enables you to set up your account. We are aware that some parents are experiencing difficulty with the system. Please contact the school office who will help to resolve any problems that may arise.

TEACHER TRAINING DATES 2018-2019

A reminder that school will be closed to all children on the following dates for INSET:

Monday 5th November 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

PARKING

Please park considerately, legally and safely on Sedgley Road, ensuring that our children are safe and that all residents have access to their private drives and pavements are clear for pedestrians. It is very important that no parents park on double yellow or zig-zag lines or on the pavement in order to help keep all pedestrians safe. Can I also remind parents not to use the staff carpark at any time when dropping off or collecting children (including from clubs that are

held after school). This is in order to keep all of our pupils safe at these times.

DINNER AND MILK MONEY

A reminder that dinner money is £2.82 per day (£14.82 a week). If you would like your children to have milk, the cost of this is £13.30 for the term. At St. Bart's, we now operate a cashless payment system and we therefore ask that all payments are made through Agora. If you do not have login details to access this, please ask at the school office.

SCHOOL FUND

Thank you to those families who have provided school fund donations which will help to provide a whole range of extra resources and activities for our children. (Recommended donation of £5 per child - £10 for three or more children).

MORNING ACCESS TO SCHOOL

In the interests of ensuring your child's health and safety when arriving at school in the morning, please could I remind you that the gates are open between 8.45 and 9.00am. Please ensure that children access the school through the school gates and enter via the appropriate entrance. All parents are politely reminded that lessons begin at 9.00am and at this time the gates will be locked. Any child arriving after this time, should access the school through the main entrance and sign in at reception. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PE KITS

Please ensure that your child has an indoor and warm outdoor kit in school each day. It is essential that children have a pair of trainers with a good grip for outdoor games.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A letter with important dates for your diary for the forthcoming school year will be sent out shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that St. Bart's operates an open door policy; if you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to let us know, please feel free to come in and see us. We look forward to a happy and successful school year as we work together for your children.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister
Head of School