



St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust  
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## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are absolutely thrilled to once again have a school full of happy and delightful children. I don't think I have ever seen children and staff quite so excited to be back in school. They have settled in beautifully, adapting to new routines brilliantly and taking everything in their stride. Thank you for all of your support with everything we have asked, to enable the start of the year to go so smoothly.

As expected, there were some minor teething problems that we have responded to as soon as we became aware. It was taking a very long time for children to sanitise their hands using the pumps which are on the front of the school building as they are quite difficult for young children, especially when they are carrying their belongings. Therefore, to avoid the need to queue for long periods to get into school, some children will now sanitise/wash their hands once in the classroom first thing in the morning. All doors will be open so that they do not need to touch anything before this happens. The children have practised this and it worked very well this morning.

From Monday, to avoid congestion at the front of the school, children in 3 Apple and 4 Maple will be dismissed onto the KS2 playground. The gates will be open just before 3pm and parents of children from these classes will be able to wait on the playground at the allocated time (3pm for 3 Apple and 3.15pm for 4 Maple).

Please could I ask that, unless they have siblings who are starting at an earlier time, that children in 1 Holly, 1/2 Ash, Year 4 or Year 5, do not arrive on the school premises before 8.45am.

The fruit delivery service will resume from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September for children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2. Therefore, children in these year groups will not need to bring a fruit snack in from this date. Children in KS2 will be able to continue to bring in a piece of fruit for break time.

As you know, children were sent home with reading books on the day that school closed to most pupils in March. This consisted of most of our school reading books. Please could I ask that if you have any of these books still at home, that these are returned to school so that we can allocate reading books to children as soon as possible.

Please find a list of the days that classes will be having PE (weather permitting) from next week. Please ensure that children come to school in appropriate kit, (including footwear) that would be suitable for outdoor PE.

Finally, whilst the children all appear happy to be back, we are very aware that this has been a difficult time for many families. If you have any concerns at all about your child's emotional wellbeing in relation to the ongoing national pandemic, or indeed anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our very best to support them. No problem is too small.



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### PE days:

**Reception** - Thursday

**1 Holly** - Thursday and Friday

**1/2 Ash** - Tuesday and Thursday

**2 Rowan** - Monday and Thursday

**3 Elm** - Monday and Friday

**3 Apple** - Tuesday and Friday

**4 Maple** - Wednesday and Friday

**4 Willow** - Wednesday and Friday

**5 Beech** - Monday and Wednesday

**5 Hazel** - Wednesday and Thursday

**6 Elder** - Wednesday and Friday

**6 Oak** - Monday and Tuesday

Thank you once again for your ongoing help and support. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rachael Kilmister', written in black ink on a white rectangular background.

Rachael Kilmister  
Headteacher