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Dear Parents

VALUE OF THE MONTH

The Christian Value that we are exploring this month is Trust. This will form the key discussions in Worship and explored further in lessons. We would love you to talk about this at home with your children to find out what they have been exploring and discussing.

DIWALI

We had a wonderful day on November 7th during our Diwali experience day. The children took part in a number of activities which helped them to learn about this important celebration. I would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful group of parents who helped to organise and lead this day; without their support, dedication and assistance, it would not have been possible to organise such an enriching and enjoyable day for our children.

GOLD MARK AWARD FOR PE AND GAMES

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Dawn Jones, Head of PE at Smestow Secondary School, to our celebration assembly on Friday, to present us with the Gold Mark award for PE and Games which St Bart's achieved during the 2017/18 academic year. This recognises the outstanding PE curriculum, extra-curricular activities, competition participation and leadership opportunities that our children have in school. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Benbow for coordinating this huge range of experiences. We will be aiming to achieve Gold Standard again this year!

TIMES TOP 500 SCHOOLS

The Times Newspaper has recently published the top 500 Primary Schools in England based on outcomes at the end of KS2 in 2017. We are proud to be the highest ranking primary school in Wolverhampton, and one of only 2 in the authority, to appear on this list. Out of nearly 17,000 primary schools, this places us in the top 1% of schools nationally. We couldn't do this without such amazing pupils and your wonderful support.

CAKE SALE

A reminder following the letter sent home last week that we are holding a whole school cake sale on Wednesday. You are very welcome to join us in your child's allocated slot as we raise money for Breast Cancer Care. Please see the school website or call the school office for clarification of these times if you no longer have the letter. Any donations of cakes for us to sell (homemade or shop bought) will be gratefully received.

PANTOMIME VISIT

Thank you to everyone who has returned permission slips for the visit to the pantomime on Thursday 13th December as we have now had over 200 responses. Please could I remind you that payments should be made via Agora; if you are experiencing any difficulties with this, please let us know. If you do not wish your child to attend the panto, please could you inform the school office or your child's class teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made during this time.

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

It's very nearly that time of year again! During December, children from all classes will be taking part in their Christmas play which will be performed, as usual, at our lovely church, St Bart's. Due to health and safety and fire regulations, the number of tickets is limited to 3 per family in the first instance. Your child will soon be bringing these tickets home with a letter whereby you can request extra tickets should they become available. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you will not be able to make use of all of your tickets, we would be grateful if you could send any unwanted ones back to school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

EARLY MORNING DROP OFFS

Could I take this opportunity to remind you that school is open from 8.45am each morning and children should be in their classes by 9.00 am. In order that we can ensure the safety of all of our children, parents should have left the school building by 9.00 am (unless you need to speak to a member of office staff) as staff who supervise doors and cloakrooms need to be in class by this time so that lessons can begin promptly. If your child arrives in school after 9.00am, we ask you to bring them to the front office, where a member of staff will accompany them to class. Thank you.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Below, please find a list of all Trust Board Members of St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust and St Bartholomew's CE Local Governing Body.

Trust Board Members St Bart's CE MAT:

Mr R Pithers Chair of Trust Board
Mrs E Balchin Vice-Chair of Trust Board
Mrs K Kent CEO
Mr R Blower
Mrs S Preston
Mr R Vernon

Local Governing Body St Bart's CE Primary School:

Mr R Pithers Chair of LGB
Mrs B Clarke - Vice Chair LGB
Mrs K Kent CEO
Mrs R Kilmister Head of School
Mrs L Benbow Staff Governor
Dr V Dhir Parent Governor
Mrs V Osbourne Parent Governor
Mrs T Larkin Foundation Governor
Rev B Whitmore Foundation Governor
Mr C Perkins Appointed Governor
Mrs S Redfern Appointed Governor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and remind you that we have an open door policy at St Bart's. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me or a member of SLT and we will help you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister
Head of School

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