



December Newsletter 2020 Let Our Values Excel



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to December!

As we near the end of what has been a particularly trying year for our St Bartholomew's family, we have continued to look for ways to bring our family together.

During the period of Advent we are called to prepare for the coming of Jesus and we are reminded of the importance of love and family.

We continue to pray for our families and communities through these difficult times.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With all our best wishes,

Mrs A Fitzpatrick and all staff of St Bartholomew's Primary School

Covid Symptoms

If your child develops symptoms on or after Tuesday 22nd December, you will not be able to contact the school. Instead, you will be contacted by the Test & Protect team who will discuss the details with you and ask for the information they need. It is important if your child tests positive during the holidays and has to self-isolate beyond the school return date of 6th January that you contact the school directly as you would for any other absence.

Fundraising

Last week our primary 1 - 7 classes undertook the 'Penny Trail challenge' to raise funds for children and families in Glasgow. Our children raised a whopping £313 which will go directly to the families that need it most through our Archbishop's Charity – the 'St Nicholas Care Fund.'

Thank you to all of you for your generosity even during hard times.

Thank You Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council for providing the treats for our Christmas Parties this session. Our parties have all been planned in a safe, manageable way, although still, with lots of fun to be had! We have even planned a special Socially Distant visit from a certain special person to P1. HoHoHo!!!



We are a Laudato Si School

St Bartholomew's Primary are delighted to announce that we have registered to be a Laudato Si' School.

Our aims are to meet the Holy Father's goal of creating an 'Ecological Education' within our school .

We are calling all of our pupils to be 'stewards of God's creation' and accept the challenge to do this during his global impact on education during 2020. We as a school are making a commitment, as a community of faith and learning, to CHANGE FOR GOOD.

St Bartholomew's pupils will explore what the Holy Father calls 'Ecological Spirituality'. This is where we develop a conversation with God and a religious vision of God's creation. An ecological spirituality encourages greater contact with the natural world, asking us to 're-see' it in a spirit of wonder, praise, joy and gratitude.

Next term, we will launch Laudato Si' with a prayer service of commitment which will be shared with all pupils allowing them to Learn – Pray - Act and celebrate their commitment to make a CHANGE FOR GOOD.



Please help us to keep safe!

We have had several complaints over the last few weeks of inconsiderate parking on the Roads around the school, by some of our parents. I would ask that you consider the impact of bumping up on kerbs in such a busy area. We need to ensure we keep our children **safe** but also the children and young people from neighbouring schools. Your help with this matter would be appreciated.

Dates for your diary



December - Christmas and New Year Holidays

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 22 December 2020

Children return to school on Wednesday 6 January 2021 at 9am

Life can be tough - especially after Lockdown



Place2Be is in St Bartholomew's to enhance the emotional well-being of the children. Our Place2Be manager, Rachel Treloar, can be contacted through the school if you would like further information.

Rachel Treloar: School Project Manager (working days Mon, Tue, Wed am)

Keeping in Touch

Please follow us on Twitter @stbartholomews1

Check out our Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/stbartholomews/>



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Please remember to call the absence line when your child is absent or has a Medical appointment. **Absence Line: 0141 287 0039**

