



March Newsletter 2021 Let Our Values Excel



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been just wonderful to have our infant children back in the school building over the last few weeks. There has been a buzz about the place again!

Of course, St Bartholomew's is still not back to normal and we are ready and excited for the return of our Primary 4,5,6 and 7 pupils on Monday 15th March.

Our main focus on return of all pupils has been, and will continue to be, their wellbeing. Ensuring our children feel safe, happy and loved is the most important part of our recovery process here, in St Bartholomew's.

If have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

(Headteacher@stbartholomews-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

Warmest wishes,

Mrs A Fitzpatrick (Head Teacher)

Outdoor Learning & PE

In line with advice from the Scottish Government, children will be outside for playtime and lunchtime every day. Can we ask that you send your child to school with a waterproof jacket please?

Children will require **waterproof jackets** for Outdoor Learning, which is timetabled once a week.

PE lessons will continue to take place outside, in all weathers. PE will take place once a week this term. Full PE kit is not required, however if you would like to send your child in with PE kit under school uniform, feel free to do so. Children are required to bring a change of shoes for PE if possible please.

Important Communication Reminder (Email)

The majority of future communications from the school will now come via e-mail. This is due to a variety of reasons, including the implications on the school budget which is now heavily affected. Please ensure you check your emails on a daily basis for any notifications from the school. Any urgent information will still be sent via text but this will only be if immediate attention is required.

We recently sent a text requesting one email address per family, please reply to the text with your email or pick up the phone and let us know what it is. This will improve our methods of communication and allow the newsletter and other communications to be emailed directly to you.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

World Book Day



Thank you to Mrs Small, our Literacy leader of Learning, for organising lots of fun activities to celebrate the joy of reading and books on World Book Day last week. Amongst a busy day of literacy activities and reading for enjoyment, we had, children dressing up as favourite characters, the masked reader, a bear hunt and an author live entertaining our P4-P7 remote learners.



P3, P4, P7 Sacraments

The majority of schools and parishes have now been instructed to begin preparation for the celebrations of, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

Please reply to any letters via Seesaw and Showbie regarding information about the Sacraments. It is important we are informed of **names of children** who are due to receive one of the above Sacraments, as soon as possible. If you have not received information regarding this, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw/Showbie or phone the school office.

The celebration of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are all dependent upon the numbers permitted to return to church once all churches are re-opened fully.

Drop Off/Pick Up

- P1-P7 pupils should enter and exit the school using the gates previously allocated before Christmas.
- Please **do not** drop children off before 8.45am as there is **no adult presence** before this time in the yard.
- Please remember to observe social distancing and wearing of masks and move away from the gates as quickly as possible.
- One adult **only** for drop off and pick up please.

Breakfast Club/Lunches

Breakfast Club resumes on Monday 15th March

Free school meals are provided for Primary 1-4 pupils. For Primary 5-7 pupils the cost of lunch is still £1.90. At present the school is still not taking monetary payments. The BACS system remains in place and payments are made on a weekly/monthly basis through your bank. Should you require more details regarding BACS payments please phone the school office. Breakfast club is following the same process of BACS. Breakfast club also costs £2.00 per day. With siblings there is a discount.

Wet Mornings

Scottish Government guidance continues to tell us that our children should be out in all weathers.

On occasions of **extremely** wet mornings, pupils will be welcomed into the school when they arrive from 8.45am onwards. Pupils should enter through the doors in the playground and not via the main entrance.

Dates for your diary



Spring Holiday

April

School Closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 1 April 2021

School Returns on Monday 19 April 2021

May

School is Closed on Monday 3rd May 2021 (May Holiday)

School is Closed on Thursday 6th May 2021 (In Service Day to coincide with Scottish Parliament Elections)

School is Closed on Friday 28th May and Monday 31st May 2021 (May Weekend)

June

School Closes at 1.00pm on Thursday 24th June 2021

Covid Symptoms

The symptoms are the onset of a **persistent cough**, or a **temperature/fever** or a **loss of taste or smell**. You only need one of these to be tested. This can be done by calling 0800 028 2816 or visiting the NHS Inform website – www.nhsinform.scot. You do not need to call NHS 24 to organise a test. If you require further advice **contact your GP**.

Keeping in Touch

Please follow us on Twitter @stbartholomews1

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



and/or use the **St Bartholomew's School App**.



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

