



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE MAIN WAY ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S KEEPS PARENTS AND CARERS UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS IS VIA THE HEAD TEACHER'S BLOG. YOU CAN ACCESS THIS @:

www.st-bartholomews.n-lanark.sch.uk

Class pages on the school website provide parents and carers with regular information on their child's learning.



There is a Twitter feed on the home page of our website and you can also follow us on your phone or home computer/tablet. We also use Twitter to help parents and carers feel part of the wide range of activities St. Bartholomew's pupils are involved in, particularly when the children are out and about on trips.

Finally, all teachers use Class Dojo to share information and communicate with parents.



Please ensure that you have access to DOJO, our HT blog, twitter, text service and app and furnish the office with your current phone numbers and email address. Most of our communication will be through email. I would encourage you to sign up for parents' portal as you can update any changes. Pupil's school reports will be coming through this portal too shortly. The high schools are posting their reports on portal just now. If you have not received anything from us please call and check email we hold for you.

Could I ask that parents are mindful of social distancing at the gates and clear the entrance to the gate so that children can exit and enter safely? It is also worth mentioning that drivers be considerate and ensure that they are parking safely and not restrict the view of the children at the gates. This will ensure that all of our pupils are safe.

Should a parent require to pick their child up from school, you must please wear a mask if you are entering our playground? In the event that your child is late for school, please phone the school office to make arrangements.

Holidays 2020—2021

April 2021

School closes on 1st April at 2.30pm

Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021 (Inclusive)
(Good Friday 2 April 2021 and Easter Monday 5 April 2021)

May 2021

May Day holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

In-service day: Thursday 6 May 2021 **(children do not attend)**

May weekend holiday: Friday 28 May 2021 and Monday 31 May 2021

June 2021

School closes: Thursday 24 June 2021 **1.00pm**

Our Lenten Charities this year are SCIAF and Missio Children have been busy doing activities to support this. Mrs Carlin is organising a 'prize bingo' to be played on Thursday pupils are asked to pay a £1.00. for this. Next week there will be a class raffle £1.00 a strip there will be prize for each class. Thanking you for your continued support.

PARENT COUNCIL

This will take place Wednesday 31st March online at 6.00pm all welcome

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation..... Tuesday 30th March 9.15am

First Holy Communion **P4** Saturday 22nd May 12.30pm Mass and 1.30pm Mass



First Holy Communion..... **P5** Saturday 5th June—10am Mass (depending on numbers there may be a second Mass)

Parents of P5 are asked to contact Fr O’Kane at frokane@rcdom.org.uk and Fr O’Kane will register your child.

Also Fr O’Kane is flexible with P5 because they have been waiting for so long. So, if a parent wishes their child to celebrate their First Holy Communion as soon as possible after the 26th March, at one of the Sunday Masses, this can be arranged.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be limited capacity at all these celebrations.

Transition: for our new P1 pupils starting August will take place over 4 dates 20th May, 27th May, 3rd June and 10th June. We will be in touch about nearer the time regarding the format of the meetings.

REMINDERS

Government guidelines highlight that children should be outdoors for interval time and lunch time in all but extreme weather. Could I please ask that all children come appropriately dressed each day with a raincoat/ cagoule and sensible footwear? Children love being outdoors, as you know, and the benefit to both their physical and mental health are very positive. Thank you for your support with this very important matter.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Should your child or anyone in your household display symptoms, please phone the school straight away and organise a test. The school will notify NLC immediately and will then update NLC on the test result – you must phone the school when you have received the test result/s. If a child displays symptoms in school, you will receive a phone call immediately asking you to collect your child. We will ensure that your child is isolated in a ventilated room until you arrive and then we will advise you to arrange a test via the NHS and advise the HT of the outcome.