



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE MAIN WAY ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S KEEPS PARENTS AND GUARDIANS UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS IS VIA Groupcall (email and text)

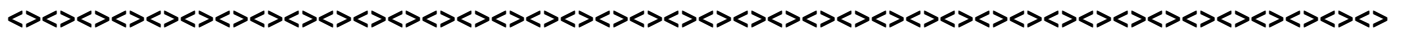
Class pages on the school website provide parents and carers with regular information on their child's learning, in addition to DOJO story.



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.

### Some information is communicated via our Head Teacher Blog

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/>



Please ensure that you have access to DOJO , our HT blog, twitter, text service and app and furnish the office staff with your up to date phone numbers and email address.

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Dear Parents

As we approach the Easter break, it has been a very busy term for our staff and pupils and we look forward to this chance to relax and re-energise for next term which never has enough weeks to fit everything in.

#### COMING UP NEXT TERM

**School Show** Mrs MacFarlane will be holding auditions when we return for summer school show. Our upper school children will be invited to audition. Details to follow.

**New P1 Transition dates** 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June more detail and times will be sent to new Primary one children enrolled to start August 2023

**Sports Day** will take place week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June weather dependant on which day.

**P7 leaver's Party** will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. These parties for our P7 take a bit of organising and fundraising to support hosting it. Last year's hoodies alone cost £574.00 Generation X who supplied the stalls , bouncy castle, music etc. cost £660.00 our balloon arch costs £200 last year this was gifted by a parent which was great saving as you can imagine there are lots of bits and pieces which add to cost. Bearing in mind as well our P7 class this year has 33 children so more children and the rise in prices. Fundraising will start after Easter break to support this any ideas gratefully accepted.

**P7 Leaver's Mass** and awards ceremony will be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Children are given end of primary school certificate and their high school tie which costs £5 - total cost £165.00

**Reconciliation** our Primary 3 children are preparing to receive this Sacrament Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in church.

**First Holy Communion** Primary 4 children make this Sacrament on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May at the 11.30am Mass. Fr O'Kane will have informed parents of which Mass your child has to attend.

## **UPDATE ON THIS TERM**

**Confirmation** our Primary 7 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation in February it was a joyous Mass well attended. Congratulations to all our children.

**Parents' Evening** Reporting to parents took place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> it was wonderful to welcome so many parents/carers.

**Parental Feedback** Please find attached results of questionnaire completed at Parents' evening

**Book Fair** Took place to coincide with National Book week, many thanks to our wonderful parents the book fair raised £1288.06 which gives us commission of £716.84 to spend on books for our classes and library.

**Parent Council Meetings** are virtual meetings to which everyone is encouraged to attend online. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month. Please call office and give your name and a link to meeting will be issued to you. Dates for this term listed below:-

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**St Bartholomew's Netball team** Our after-school Netball team have been working hard on developing their skills, looking at tactics and trying out different positions on the court. We were delighted to come 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the NL Netball tournament in February this year and thoroughly enjoyed playing against lots of different schools at the NL Fun 5z Netball festival in March. The Netball club will continue after the Easter break when we hope to join a few other schools for a summer festival to finish off the year.

**St Bartholomew's Digital Leaders** The pupils in primary 6 and 7 have a wonderful opportunity to become part of our first ever Digital Leaders team. This group of children will be responsible for providing support to class teachers, supporting their peers in the school using different digital tools and they will have the opportunity to share their knowledge of different digital tools whilst taking part in workshops planning digital support. Keep an eye out for the members of our Digital Leaders team who will be announced on our twitter page in term 4 when all applications have been reviewed.

**After School Running Club** Congratulations to Jennifer Haggerty who took first place in the P7 girls' race at a recent Cross Country Running event run by North Lanarkshire Council's Active Schools. Well done also to Jason Arthur (P7), Kaiden Doran (P7), Elyse Crofton (P6) and Roma Traynor (P6) for taking part in a very tough (and muddy!) event and to every single member of our running club, who supported them with great energy and enthusiasm.

The After School Cross Country Running Club will resume after the holidays, taking place every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm, and will continue until further notice. Thank you to all of our dedicated runners who attend each week in all weathers. Mrs McLean looks forward to seeing you all after the Easter break!

**After school Drama club** Primary 3 and primary 4 children enjoyed this wonderful opportunity with a visiting drama specialist Miss Humes is continues to take drama on Mondays.

**Multi Sports Club** was great success we are hoping to have this next term watch this space.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH AT 2.30PM



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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Inservice (pupils do not attend)  
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We thank you for your contributions to our bake sale , sunflowers and our usual dress down which all goes to Lenten Charity 'Missio' .

As always, thank you for your continued support, it makes such a difference when we all work together to improve outcomes for children. I hope that you and your family have a relaxing and joyful Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming our children and staff back, ready to take on the new term.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Deirdre Bolland  
Head Teacher

# DIARY DATES

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**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June school closes 1.00pm**

## PARENT COUNCIL ONLINE MEETINGS

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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