

St Bartholomew's Primary School

August 2024

1st Newsletter of school year 2024 - 2025 - Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents / Carers

A huge welcome back to the new session from all of the staff at St Bartholomew's, we are all delighted to be working with our wonderful children. A special welcome to our new P1 children. I hope all our parents and carers enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the summer holiday although the weather was not too kind. So back we are all recharged for the year ahead.

The children are all looking so smart, and I would like to extend my thanks to parents/carers for supporting our uniform policy. We have many plans to enhance our children's experience of school and already our P7 children are planning their Wear Yellow Walk in aid of St Andrew's Hospice. Parish retreats are being planned for our P5 pupils. Weekly Mass at 10.00am will start again for our classes soon. We rely on parental support in supervising the children on the walk to and from the church. Updates on after school clubs will be with you shortly. We are very keen to engage as many parents with children's learning as we can this year, and it is a proven fact that it makes such a difference to their progress. We hope to start our 'Stay and Read' programme in the infant department. Look out for information about upcoming events to share in your children's learning throughout the year. Our Parent Council will be relying on your support for upcoming events and planning is already underway for a variety of exciting events. Please check your group call messages regularly for updates. Thanking you in advance for your much needed help.

Kind regards

Deirdre Bolland

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS/CARERS

In line with North Lanarkshire Council aspiration to become a leading digital authority, the main portals that we use for communicating with parents/carers are:

Email and text: please provide our office staff with your up-to-date details to ensure you receive our most recent updates.

Class Dojo: all parents /carers are invited to join class DOJO where they will see regular updates about their child's social and emotional learning/progress.

School website: blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/ class pages on the school website provide parents/carers with regular information on their child's learning as well as updates from our weekly school assembly i.e. Winning House, Cool Cup, and pupil of each class of the week

X (Twitter) : 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 use X to share news of the wide range of activities St. Bartholomew's pupils are involved in and to celebrate children's wider achievements.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

DAILY UNIFORM:

White shirt/polo shirt
School tie
Black trousers/black skirt/pinafore
Plain black shoes / plain black trainers
Black sweater / cardigan
Red gingham summer dress (appropriate to weather)



Pupils in St. Bartholomew's wear the school uniform with pride. We ask all parent/carers to support the school by encouraging children to adhere to the agreed dress code. The wearing of school uniform promotes the identity of the school in the local community and helps create an ethos of sharing and pride in the school.

Children should come to school on P.E. days dressed in full uniform with P.E. kits in bags. **Football colours of any kind are not permitted** – in school – this is **North Lanarkshire Council's policy** and includes all football teams i.e. local, national, international. This also includes pencil cases, bags, water bottles and other accessories. I must apologise to our P7 pupils they do not have their P7 crested tie yet unfortunately we have had problems with our supplier which should be rectified shortly. Thank you in advance for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK: We have a number of freshly laundered new/nearly new / new uniform items available for collection in our uniform bank, which is located in the Music Room. Collection can be arranged discreetly by contacting the school office. We are also appealing for donations of school uniform to replenish our stocks throughout the school year. Please hand into our school office at any time. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / CLOTHING GRANTS: If you think you may be entitled to claim free school meal / clothing grant for your child please do so at the link below. Uniform grant for this year is £150.00 for primary children and £175.00 for secondary schools. You may be entitled to both or just clothing grant please enquire if you are not sure. <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants> **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY NOW**

Children P1 to P5 are entitled to a free meal and also free access to breakfast club.

P6 P7 if not in receipt of free meal pay £3.25 and £1.00 for breakfast club.

Please apply if your child is P1 – P7 as the uniform grant is attached to the application.

fsm@northlan.gov.uk

This is the contact for North Lanarkshire tackling poverty team: who work with families to maximise their income and ensure they are receiving everything they are entitled to.

01698 403170 or email tpsteam@northlan.gov.uk

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S PARENT COUNCIL :

We offer our thanks to the members of the Parent Council who have planned and supported events throughout the last school year.

Have you considered becoming a member of your child's school Parent Council they are looking to recruit new members even if you can only help out on an ad hoc basis. The meetings take place once a month in the 'Get together room' first one Friday 30th August. Why not come along?

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We will inform you of date as soon as we know.

Feast of St Bartholomew Saturday 24th August

The whole school attended Mass on Thursday to celebrate. Thank you so much to our parents who helped escort our pupils which allowed this Mass attendance to go ahead. All pupils are getting a nice treat today when ice cream van visits the school.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW P7 HOUSE CAPTAINS Well done to all of our Primary 7 children who stood for House captaincy. The speeches delivered by the children greatly impressed their peers and they should be very proud of themselves. After a democratic vote by their peers in P6 and P7 we are all delighted to announce our Captains and Vice-Captains of our houses.

Monklands Stefania & Lucy
Lochend Maia & Holly J
Drumpellier Layla & Liam
Summerlee Eva & Hannah

Congratulations



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school netball club will resume in September date to follow.

After school Running club

CLASS LEARNING EXTRA CURRICULAR

P7 Yoga from 26th August on Monday mornings. As nice start to the week.

P7 Music tuition on Friday after break

P6 Gaelic Football on Friday mornings, to begin the development of their skills.

P6 music tuition Monday after break

P6 guitar tuition Friday after lunch continuing from last term pupils who opted for this.

P5 Kodály every other Tuesday after break

STAFFING FOR 2024 /2025 :

We welcome Ms C. A. Barker to our school as our new P5 teacher. We wish K. Crielly well in her new role as Principal Teacher.

P1/2 J. Duffy

P2/3 G. Allington

P4 M. Carlin

P5 C. A. Barker / TM Kiernan

P6 C. R. Wilson Mon/Tues/Wed and A. MacLean Thur/Fri

P7 S. J. MacFarlane

F. Wong - E. Henaughen – D. Callaghan are Cluster Teachers working with our pupils

M. MacIntyre PT with responsibility for infants & nursery pupils

K. Crielly PT with responsibility for Junior & Senior pupils

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2024 – 2025



September 2024

Friday 27 September and Monday 30 September 2024 (September weekend)

October 2024

Monday 14 to Friday 18 October 2024 (October Week)

November 2024

Monday 18 November 2024 (**In-Service Day pupils do not attend**)

December 2024 - January 2025

Schools close at 2.30pm on Friday 20 December 2024

Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025 (inclusive) (Christmas holidays)

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

February 2025

Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 February 2025 (Mid-term break)

Wednesday 19 February 2025 (**In-service day pupils do not attend**)

April 2025

Schools close at **2.30 pm** on Friday 4 April 2025

Monday 7 April- Monday - Monday 21st April 2025

Schools return on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

*Good Friday 18 April and Easter Monday 21 April 2025

May 2025

Monday 5 May 2025 (May Public Holiday)

Tuesday 6 May 2025 (**in-service day pupils do not attend**)

Friday 23 May 2025 and Monday 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

June 2025

Schools Close at **1.00pm** on Wednesday 25 June 2025

If you have any further comments or queries, please email

enquiries-at-st-bartholomews@northlan.org.uk