

# ST BARTHOLOMEWS

'ROOTS TO GROW WINGS TO FLY'



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## MESSAGE FROM MRS COWARD

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to the term it has been with so much fabulous learning going on. All the classes have now had their first team building day at ARK@ Egwood and the feedback from children and staff has been fantastic. This provision is a key part of our curriculum this year to continue to support our children's mental health and wellbeing and personal and social development. It builds on the three pillars of wellbeing – a sense of belonging (class team building in an extension of school), positive relationships (learnt through the activities at ARK) and healthy lifestyles (being out and active at ARK).

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be asking our children to dress in something yellow to fundraise for Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' campaign on World Mental Health day. Support for mental health and wellbeing can be found on our website <https://www.st-bartholomews.somerset.sch.uk/key-information/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Harwood in the office. She leaves with our love and best wishes for the future. Miss Ramwell will leave on Friday as Miss Ramwell and return on Monday at Mrs Edwards. Having been thwarted by covid, she is, at last, able to celebrate her wedding this weekend. Our love and congratulations go to the future Mr and Mrs Edwards at this very special time.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### TOP SIDE GATE OPEN

The top side gate by the playground will be opened at 8.50am and shut at 8.55am. Any later arrivals will need to go to the main gate.

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance so far this year is 95.55%. Please be aware that any term time leave requests will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

To request leave please complete the 'term time leave request' on our school website <https://www.st-bartholomews.somerset.sch.uk/parent-services/school-calendar/>

## WOODPECKER CLASS PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for all the chances you give us life,  
Give us courage to become our best selves  
Help us to aspire and build determination to succeed  
Give us passion for learning  
Help us learn from the past to make a brighter future  
Fill us with compassion and trust us to take care of the world you created  
Help us forgive others and please show us forgiveness for our mistakes  
Teach us to respect what we have and accept what we don't  
Help us to show understanding to others and their needs  
Amen

## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Please ensure that we have all up to date contact details as it is imperative that we have the correct details should we need to contact you in case of an emergency.

### **After School Provision**

Please ensure that you book this before attending so that we are able to staff the staff the provision accordingly for safeguarding purposes. If your child has not been booked in, and we are at maximum capacity we may have to call you to pick them up.

### **Breakfast Club**

Please can we remind you that there is one drop off time at 8am for breakfast club, any late entries cannot be accepted as staff are unable to leave the children unsupervised who are already present.

## HORIZON PHOTOGRAPHY

Please be aware that Horizon Photography will be at school on 14<sup>th</sup> November to take individual portraits

## CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES

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## SAFEGUARDING

The designated person for Safeguarding and Child Protection issues within St. Bartholomew's C of E Primary School is the Headteacher, Mrs Gemma Coward. In case of her absence or unavailability, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Jenny Coram, Mr David Woodley and Miss Bev Davis. The school governor with responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection is Miss Cheryl Govier.

For further information please visit our school website: <https://www.st-bartholomews.somerset.sch.uk/key-information/safeguarding/>

## KEY STAGE 2

This week some Key Stage Two classes have visited 'The Ark' for their class team building day. The children completed a range of activities which required teamwork, communication, perseverance and respect. To begin in groups, they completed the challenge of creating a tower using a range of materials. Many groups were very creative and discussed their ideas. They then went on a texture hunt and visited Ark's newest members, the guinea pigs. Children had the opportunity to hold and stroke the guinea pigs. Some children stated this was very relaxing. After lunch, the children were geographers and completed an orienteering course around Ark. The children used their map reading skills to identify where the controls were located and followed the route around. Miss Ramwell (Geography Lead) was incredibly impressed with the children's map reading ability and cannot wait to create a more challenging course when we return to the Ark in the spring term. Thank you to 'The Ark' for fantastic team building days!

