St. Bartholomew's Catholic Primary School

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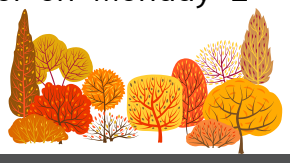
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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

It was lovely to see so many of you taking the opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss your children's progress and attainment at today's Academic Review Day. I hope you have seen how hard your children have worked over this first term. They are a credit to you, and the school.

I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday. We are back in school on Monday 2nd November.

MRS MCRAE



ATTENDANCE

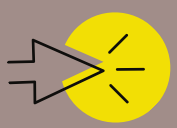
Well done to St Peter's who won the class Attendance Ted and St Bernadette's who won Punctuality Pup this week.

CLASS	%
St Bernadette	97.7 %
St Clare	96.5 %
St Peter	100 %
St Paul	91.3 %
St George	96.8 %
St Martin	98.0 %
St Josephine	89.1 %
St Theresa	96.3 %
St Andrew	92.6 %
St Patrick	97.4 %
St David	92.7 %



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder that secondary school applications close on Monday 2nd November. If you have not already done so, apply through the Kent website. We recommend you always apply for four schools in your order of preference.



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HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATES

- Elora in St Josephine for a wonderful picture of Mary
- Joshua in St Martin for lovely research and interest in the ancient Egyptians
- Maisie in St Paul for a beautiful drawing of St Francis

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

I sent a letter out inviting you to send in names of your deceased loved ones for our school community November Wall of Remembrance. If you would like to add names please click below:





UNIFORM

After half term, all children must wear winter uniform. Find information here: Uniform Policy. As the weather gets colder, please ensure children bring coats to school and that all unifrom is named.

POPPIES

After half term, poppies and poppy-related items will be on sale at break times for children to buy to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We held our wonderful Harvest Festival on Wednesday giving thanks for God's beautiful world and taking the opportunity to put our faith into action by donating to the Swanley Community Cupboard. The volunteers who attended were astounded by the number of items we had collected and they wrote this in our Visitors Book:





'We can't thank you enough for your very warm welcome and donations for Harvest Festival. You have restored our faith in humanity and the children are a credit to you all. God bless and thank you once again.'

Cllr Lesley Dyball, Deputy Mayor of Swanley wrote, ***'Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I leave here this morning with a smile on my face!'***

ANCIENT EGYPT DAY

Years 3 and 4 held an exciting enrichment day this week all about their topic of Ancient Egypt. I believe a number of children (and staff) went through a process of mummification!







GREEK DAY

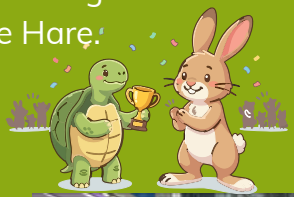
Year 5 and 6 also held a fun-packed topic day on Ancient Greece where they built their own versions of the Trojan horse. Lots of teamwork, collaboration and problem solving. They learnt Greek dancing with one of our fabulous parents, and tasted various Greek foods (olives, feta, pitta, tzatziki, Greek yogurt...)



THEATRE TRIP

St Paul and St George had a great time at the Churchill Theatre this week watching The Tortoise and the Hare.







WEEK BEGINNING 2 NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER	
Monday 2nd	• Term 2 starts 8:40 • Deadline for secondary school applications
Tuesday 3rd	• St Theresa swimming
Thursday 5th	• St Martin Class Mass 9:15 in Church
Friday 6th	• Prayers with Parents 8:45 all welcome • St David's Class Trip • (Applications for primary school places opens)

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH JOY AS ONE SCHOOL ONE FAMILY