



# St Botolph's Church of England

## Primary School

### January 2020 Newsletter



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#### A message from Mrs Rouse

We have had a very busy start to the new year. We have welcomed new staff to the team and started the term with Parents' Consultations. The children are all working hard on their targets and enjoying their new topics. I always find the Spring Term to be a very productive one and I look forward to reviewing the children's books and progress during this term.

I am continuing to try to get to know your children and the families of St. Botolph's School through learning names and working in classes, with individual children and groups. I look forward to sharing our future plans for the school's development through the Newsletter in this revised, shorter format.

### General Messages

#### Hellos and Goodbyes

We are delighted to have welcome a number of new staff to our team in January:

Mrs Wilkinson is teaching in Lincoln and is also Early Year and Key Stage One Leader.

Mrs Ward and Mrs Kornfeld are sharing the teaching in Coventry.

Mrs Benbow, Mrs Sgroi and Mrs Gripton have joined our Teaching Assistant team.

In addition to this Miss Cliffe and Mrs Thompson have recently joined our Midday team.

Welcome to you all!

We have also said goodbye to Miss Pettit at the end of term. We wish her every success and happiness in her new school.

#### Sickness and Diarrhoea

It's the time of year when colds and bugs start to circulate. Please help by reminding your children to wash hands regularly.

We cannot stress enough how important this is. Children must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Reminder: Please remember to let us know if and why your child is absent.

#### Hair Rules

Please ensure children with long hair (shoulder length or longer) have it tied up throughout the school day. Please keep elaborate hair ties and bows for the weekend.

#### Dinners

We have recently added a 4<sup>th</sup> option of either pasta or jacket potato with a selection of toppings, to our dinner menu. This has proved to be a popular choice. This option is now available to pre book via Parentpay or alternately contact a member of the office team.

#### Should it snow...

We normally make a decision to close or stay open by 7.30am. Look at our website, or listen for updates on local radio and [www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk)

# NEWS FROM THE AUTUMN TERM

## Charity events across the term

When we reflect, our school is amazing when it comes to showing **COMPASSION** to those who need our support. Over the autumn term alone we have supported six different charities:

- Our **MacMillan** coffee morning in September raised £622.55 thanks to our generous grandparents who enjoyed a drink and scone with the children.
- At harvest time, dozens and dozens of tins and packets of food were donated to the **Trussell Trust** team. We collected nearly 900 tins.
- We supported **Children in Need** by bringing in toys and books to be resold at the Bring and Buy sale as well as wearing our own clothes on the day. We raised £346.25. Well done to all.
- Selling poppies and wristbands for the **Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal**.
- We collected in shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Altogether we collected 51 shoeboxes.
- Staff collected Christmassy chocolate treats which will be donated to the **Peterborough Food Bank** in readiness for Christmas.

Thank you to all who worked to fundraise at the Christmas Bazaar, particularly the Year 6 children. We raised over £1,000.

Thank you to all who have so generously donated in various ways over the last term. The children have a strong sense of the needs of the communities around us and we should be proud of their kindness.

## Attendance from 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept to 31<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Class	Attended	Auth	Unauth	Mins Late
Ely	94.71%	4.7%	0.59%	318
Peterborough	94.95%	4.53%	0.52%	159
Leicester	96.18%	3.06%	0.76%	328
Lincoln	96.09%	3.34%	0.57%	482
Coventry	97.43%	2.5%	0.07%	293
Oxford	94.1%	4.93%	0.97%	770
Norwich	95.9%	3.11%	0.99%	473
Wells	96.58%	2.7%	0.72%	516
Chester	97%	2.74%	0.27%	215
York	96.32%	2.97%	0.71%	221
Derby	96.69%	2.82%	0.49%	244
Salisbury	96.19%	2.06%	1.75%	185
Durham	96.54%	2.49%	0.98%	376
Exeter	95.69%	3.81%	0.51%	508
<b>Totals (408 pupils)</b>	<b>96.05%</b>	<b>3.24%</b>	<b>0.71%</b>	<b>5088</b>

Thank you for maintaining good rates of attendance.

Please help us to improve punctuality by ensuring children are in school before 8:50am.

## Trips and visitors to the school

As well as the work that goes on in class, our children's education has been enhanced by trips and visitors to school throughout the autumn.

### September:

Year 5 Civil War Museum  
Year 6 Girls' MasterCard  
Year 4 Heroes Event NPA

### October:

Year 1 Planetarium visit in school

### November:

Year 6 Young Leaders' Walk  
EFL Kids Cup Football Tournament  
Year 3 Flag Fen  
Year 4 Rock 'n' Roll Sing Event  
Year 6 Evacuation Day, Stibbington

### December:

Lego League Competition  
All years - Pantomime in school

# NEWS FOR THE SPRING TERM

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Class Celebration 2-3pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Story Café

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 5 Bikeability Begins

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Last week of clubs

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Story Café

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Discos

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Class Celebration 6pm and Early Years Bikeability begins

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 4 Anglo Saxons Village Trip

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Staff Training Day – school closed**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – First day back

## Local Authority Safeguarding Visit

This week we had a Safeguarding Audit to review policies and practice across the school.

We have had positive feedback from this detailed external review. We will continue to work on actions identified as part of the report, however thank-you for the positive feedback regarding the changes to the Early Morning routine.

## 1000 school dinners

During the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January, we served EXACTLY 1000 school meals.

Whilst we have had weeks where a greater number of meals have been served they usually have a Christmas dinner involved!

The children are enjoying the 4<sup>th</sup> meal option choice.

Thank-you to Chef Kelly and her catering team.

## NPA VISITS

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January, our year 5 and 6s went across to Nene Park to take part in the Cross Country Tournament.

All of our children did well, however a particular mention out to the girls, 9 of our St Botolph's girls were placed in the top 10! **An amazing achievement.**

Our Year 6s have also visited Nene Park recently to dissect a heart. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mr Grover, Headteacher of NPA will be visiting our school next Thursday.

## St Botolph's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report

The **SEND Information Report** is a document on the school website under **About Us** that parents and carers may find useful if they have concerns about their child. It details earlier identification procedures we follow at St Botolph's and strategies we use to support children. It also reports the views of our children with identified needs and those of their parents.

There is also a link to the **SEND section of Peterborough City Council Local Offer** which details the support services available to parents across the city.



The class teacher should be your first point of contact regarding concerns but the SEND Team can be contacted through the school office if you have further questions or need more advice.

Mrs Fox (SENCo) and Mrs Blunt (Learning Support Team Leader)