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JELLY BABY DRAMA

In Year 10 Drama lessons we are studying 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly. As we are unable to use the lighting desk due to Covid restrictions, we got creative with creating lighting effects



for a variety of different scenes. The jelly babies are the characters in the play arranged in

'the woods' and students used coloured lighting gels with the torch from their phones, to create different lighting effects for an eerie mood and atmosphere. We thought it was fun!



WINTER WEATHER

St Bart's expects to remain open throughout the year, given our modern buildings, site and equipment.



Care should always be taken when walking to and from school. In severe weather, individuals' decisions regarding travel to school, must be based on their assessment of local road and transport conditions.

Should extreme conditions necessitate a closure on health and safety grounds, or a later start to the school day, information will be provided as quickly as possible via:

- The School email system
- St Bart's website
www.stbarts.co.uk (homepage)
- St Bart's Twitter [@St_Barts_School](https://twitter.com/St_Barts_School)
- Facebook
- West Berkshire Council website
www.westberks.gov.uk (click on Schools)
- BBC Radio Berkshire
- Heart Radio
- The Breeze

Should it be necessary to close the school part way through the school day, we will communicate this via:

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In the event of an early closure, we will assume that parents/carers give permission for their child to be released from school, earlier than the normal time of 3.00pm to 3.15pm, unless parents/carers let us know, by email (or telephoning the House Office). In any circumstances we would be able to supervise students until such a time when parents could arrange collection.

If the school were to be closed, work for students will be set on Satchel One/SMHW.

Calendar



CCF Sunday Walk 1	Sun 13 Dec	
Y7 & Y12 Reports	Mon 14 Dec	
Y9 Reports issued	Tues 15 Dec	
Carol Service	Tues 15 Dec	Virtual, 7.00pm. See right.
Y8 Live-stream of A Christmas Carol	Weds 16 Dec	Hall, 12.40-3.30pm

View all school events in our online calendar, [click here to go straight there](#)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Friday 11 December



- Wear a festive jumper instead of a blazer
- Normal school uniform skirt or trousers should still be worn.
- If you don't take part you must be in full school uniform.
- Use Parent Pay to donate to Save The Children.
- Self-service Festive Menu.
- Buy your lunch in the normal way.
- No tickets required.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULATION

West Berkshire Council are consulting on a number of changes to the Admission Arrangements for West Berkshire Community

and Voluntary Controlled Schools. Parents are invited to [comment online here](#).

PA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Entries for the Christmas raffle close this Friday. Tickets are only £1 and there are some



great prizes to be won. Please support the school by purchasing your ticket on Parent Pay (if you are a parent) or by using [paypal.me/stbartspa](https://www.paypal.me/stbartspa).



Find the Parents' Association on Facebook!

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VIRTUAL CAROL CONCERT

Students from Years 9 to 13 have been busy recording musical items for the service which is a new departure from the usual enormous combined orchestra we feature every Christmas in St Nicholas' church. We are



following the Festival of Lessons and Carols format so there will be readings recorded by students and

staff across the school too. Everyone can sing along from home if they wish to following the pdf attached too. The programme begins at 7pm on Tuesday 15 December via the school website. The link to join in will be at www.stbarts.co.uk.

FAIR CLOSE CENTRE

The Fair Close Centre has been providing a vital service supporting for local senior citizens for 53 years. They are entirely independent and urgently seek funds to cover income lost due to COVID. They have been selected for the Greenham Trust Double Matched Day this Friday, 11 December. All donations on the Good Exchange website that day will be double matched. [To donate click here](#).

GOOD ON YOU

A lot of people want to buy ethical clothing but find it difficult to know a company's policies on topics relating to its use of natural fibres, organic materials, animal products, and labour welfare. There is a great company called 'Good on You' which is now pulling all this information together. Using their free app or website, you can search your favourite fashion brands and find its rating; using an easily understandable 5-point rating system, 'Good on You' rates a brand based on its labour welfare, environmental impact and its treatment of animals. It also offers suggestions and recommendations of great environmentally friendly and sustainable brands for you. This is a huge step forward for decreasing fast fashion and encouraging everyone to be more mindful when shopping this Christmas. The top 5 clothes shops in Newbury, rated by 'Good on You':

1. H&M
2. Topshop
3. New Look
4. Fat Face
5. Dorothy Perkins

Read about their eco-credentials and about retailers rated 6-10 in the [full article on our website](#).

Nerissa Doran (13D2)

NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL PIN BADGE COMPETITION

Newbury Town Council are introducing a new award category in their 2021 Civic Awards to celebrate the voluntary efforts of those who have supported Newbury Town throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. All those who have been nominated will receive a pin badge to represent the Council's thanks and as recognition for their voluntary services to the town and residents during from March 2020. The Town Council are in search of a design for a pin badge which will reflect and celebrate the community spirit of Newbury. The deadline for all entry submissions is Sunday 17 January. For all the criteria and an [entry form click here](#).

GEOGRAPHY'S SUSTAINABLE SWAPS

There's an inspirational display in the Geography corridor at St Bart's. Take a look to see easy swaps to become more environmentally friendly and sustainable. Keep reading BartholoNews for more ideas over the coming weeks.

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Did you know: On average a woman will use 10,500 sanitary products in their lifetime.

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You could use...

Cloth sanitary pads/mooncups/period pants! There are so many alternatives to sanitary towels and tampons now. Cloth pads, mooncups and period pants can all be washed and used again.

Unfortunately many sanitary products end up being flushed down the toilet instead of being disposed of in a sanitary bin. These contribute to the blocking of drains and phenomena such as the 'Fatberg'. Anything that is flushed down the toilet could eventually end up in the ocean. The plastic in a sanitary towel is generally not biodegradable.

Don't forget you can follow the Geography Department on Instagram [@stbartsgeog](#)



St Bart's at Sunset

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Let's all play our part to keep West Berkshire open



By wearing a
face covering



By washing
your hands



By keeping
your distance



By getting a test and
self-isolating if you
have symptoms

Call 119 or go to www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test



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