



Friday 3rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a lovely half term break with your families. It was great to see so many of you at our parents' evenings the week before we broke up and I hope you found them useful. We had a very productive INSET day on Friday 20th where all teachers and learning support assistants participated in training on supporting and accelerating pupil progress and maximising children's engagement in their learning. Mrs Booker led the staff in a session which focused on using high quality resources e.g. pictures and questioning techniques to deepen pupils thinking. Mrs Redman shared some very practical strategies to involve and challenge all children in lessons which she recently learned on a course. Finally, the whole staff watched a video of me teaching a lesson to Brazil class (Year 3), which prompted some rich dialogue about teaching and learning as we discussed the strengths and areas for development in the lesson. We intend to conduct some action research across the rest of this year which will be led by Mr Avenell and will involve teachers planning lessons together and observing each other with a particular focus to find out what makes children learn best and how we can identify and overcome any barriers to the process.

EYFS

We hope you have enjoyed sharing Superworm with your children this week – we have certainly made the most of it in school with all sorts of activities designed around worms, minibeasts and superheroes! The children managed to find plenty of earthworms in the soil and have enjoyed looking after them in the wormeries they made themselves. They have furthered their knowledge and understanding of where minibeasts can be found, what they need to survive and how to handle them carefully (with only a few casualties!). We have also been talking about fireworks this week and we taught the children the story of the Gunpowder Plot. They have enjoyed making rockets, fireworks pictures, exploding words and have made us laugh with their Guy Fawkes moustaches! Next week the children have requested that we learn about space as our new topic. If you have any cardboard tubes, bubble wrap or tin foil going spare we would love to have them. Thank you to all parents who attended the information evening on Wednesday. If you were unable to come we have a pack for you to pick up from the classroom and intend to put videos and a powerpoint from the evening on the school website.



KS1

Year 1 have really enjoyed immersing themselves in their One Book project, with the humour of Class Two at the Zoo greatly appealing to them. It was lovely sharing the book on Monday with parents and carers – thank you for your support. Both year 1 classes have designed and made their own zoo recyclable materials. Maths learning has been outdoors this week. We have been making 2D shape animals using sticks and twigs. In PSHCE we have started our term's topic of looking at the value of money, and we would be grateful if you could support us with this by encouraging your child to save and spend money. Next week the One Book project will continue as we will write a short story based on Class 2 at the Zoo. In maths we will be using positional language. Year 2 have enjoyed exploring literacy and inference using their wonderful book: Into the Forest for the One Book project. We have been discussing and investigating food chains in science and our maths topics have been bar modelling and weight. Next week we will continue with English activities designed around Into the Woods, and our art will also be based on the illustrations from the story. Thank you very much for all the support you gave the children with their spellings over half term. We were extremely impressed with the efforts and improvement from every single child.

LKS2

There was an exciting buzz in the LKS2 classrooms on Monday afternoon as we started the One Book project. It was fantastic to see so many parents in the classrooms reading 'Dinopants' with their children. Each day this week, the children have followed up on their reading by carrying out a writing task. Charlie Flint lost his club in dinopoo so the children wrote a missing poster for something they had lost, although not, thankfully, in dinopoo. They have discussed the differences between school life for caveboy Charlie and for them and then written a diary entry for a day at St Bart's. They concluded the week by designing their own dinopants and year 4 wrote and presented persuasive arguments to get others to buy their pants. This weekend can you read together chapters 7 and 8 ready for next week's activities. In maths, year 3 are learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and year 4 are learning the 6 and 9 times tables. Please can you get your children to practise these.



UKS2

It's been a fantastic two weeks either side of half term for the top end of the school. Before the break the children in the phase enjoyed composing their own fantasy stories influenced by Narnia. More recently the children have just enjoyed a fantastic World War 2 workshop day with historian Ian Roberts who brought many elements of our learning around WW2 to life. The children engaged in many aspects of war life from the trials associated with evacuation, looking at different types of gas masks, putting out incendiary bombs (don't worry – only props used!), using a pump hose to extinguish a fire, carrying casualties on a stretcher correctly, working in an Anderson shelter and using a genuine siren from the war. From their learning the children went on to create fantastic WW2 inspired propaganda posters. A big thank you to Ian for coming in. Along with all our work on the war the children have also been really enjoying reading and working around our phrases 'One Book' story called Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh. The children are getting a lot out of this collaborative reading experience, please keep on reading with your child in the evening to develop their comprehension but also so that you can enjoy this great story too.



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 4 USA Class cooked very edible food from the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age in their recent DT Food & Nutrition lesson linked to their history topic.



Y6 Cookery Club prepared a variety of healthy breakfast dishes using ham, smoked salmon, eggs, fruit and homemade muesli. The following week they made lots of pumpkin soup, hummus and risotto on Tuesday with delicious toffee apples!



GREEN OAK FOOTBALL MATCH – By Alex Gorodecky, Year 6



On Monday 16th October, our school St Bart's went to Green Oak school, to play a football match. We played 25 minutes each way; it was a tight match, but we had most of the possession. We got 3 goals up but they didn't give up and scored. The score was now 3-1. We got back on our feet and scored another 2, the end of the match gradually getting closer. Then the end whistle blew. That was it, we won. We shook the hands of the Green Oak players with a smile on our face.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT – By Ella Kent, Year 6

On Tuesday 17th October eight Year 6 girls went to a netball tournament at Tillingbourne School. They played in a tournament where you have to rotate the positions and they came 4th out of eleven teams. The fantastic team got into the semi-finals by being runner-up on one of the courts, but lost against the winning team. They did very well and one of the netballers said "It was lots of fun and I liked playing in all of the positions, I even found a new favourite! It was an amazing opportunity and really fun aswell".



NEW POBS!

I am delighted to inform you that Victoria and Gavin Page have stepped up as Chair and Treasurer of the POBS respectively. I will be meeting with them next week to discuss and make plans for the future. Their daughter, Amelie, is in Blue Base this year and I know they would be very happy to speak to any of you if you are interested in working with them and/or supporting the POBS in any way you can. Victoria was a Governor at a local school before her family moved into the Haslemere area and she has commented on how wonderful, welcoming and creative her first impressions of St Bart's have been. The POBS will be holding a meeting to plan the Christmas Fair at 8pm on Wednesday 8th November at The Mill in Camelsdale. If you would like to attend and get involved, you would be very welcome. I would like to say how much I have enjoyed working with Sarah, Desi, Melanie, Buff and the other POBS over the past few years and to thank them for all their hard work in support of our school. Now, as we begin this new chapter, I feel energised to know that we have a new team and I look forward to some very successful and inclusive events and activities in the near future.

POB'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Parents of Bart's will be holding their annual Christmas Fair on **Saturday 2nd December, 1-4pm**. Please see attached flyer for more details on how you can help and get involved in this year's event.

PARKING

I am very disappointed to be writing to you about parking again but I feel compelled to do so. If the minority of you who choose to park unsafely in and around our school continue to do so it is going to end with a very serious accident. I implore you to be less selfish and more considerate. Our children are very precious so keep them safe by driving and parking responsibly. After all, we are their role models.

SLIME

It has been brought to my attention that some children are bringing slime into school and swapping it with their friends. This is **NOT ALLOWED** and slime is therefore **BANNED** with immediate effect.

USE OF TIPP-EX AND CORRECTION FLUIDS

A reminder that Tipp-Ex and/or correction fluids are harmful substances and are not allowed to be brought into school.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY - VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to the school, student pictures are now available. A viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures were sent home with pupils this week. If you wished to take advantage of the Early Bird 10% discount the deadline to place orders online is **16 November 2017**. If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it to you in the next few days, please do let us know.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Thanks has been received from Haslemere Food Bank for the Harvest Festival donations. As a result of this amazing support by St Bartholomew's and other local schools stock is currently full. However, donations are still welcome and we will retain the donations box in the reception area.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches now cost £2.25 per day, or £11.25 per week. If you require a lunch for your child, please advise the school office by 9.30am on the day. School lunches should be paid for using the online system, or by cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or cash. **Please ensure**

payment is made as soon as possible. (Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 qualify for a universal free school meal and therefore payment is not required).

First half term - £ 74.25
Second half term - £ 87.75
Total for Autumn term - £ 162.00

The menus for the next two weeks are attached for you to look at with your child. If you wish to order a vegetarian meal or take the option of a jacket potato, please log into your SCOpay account and make your choice. **Please note jacket potatoes are not available on Wednesdays.** If you have not chosen one of the options, your child will receive the main option meal. Should you require a reminder of your SCOpay login, please contact the office.

Yours faithfully,

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