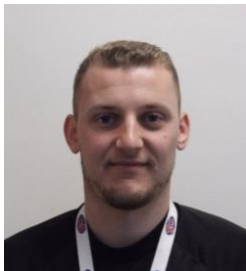




Friday 17th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have been busy as usual with the conclusion of the 'One Book' community reading project. Thank you so much for all your support with this and making it such a success. It has been great to see so many children inspired by reading and increase the amount they are reading at home as a consequence.



This week we have been joined by our newest member of the team, Mr Moore. He is teaching PE lessons and will also be running some extra curricular activities after school. We are delighted with how he has settled in and look forward to much more sporting success this year under his leadership.

Finally, I would just like to remind all parents and carers that the school gate closes at 8:45am and after that children must sign in at the office. Punctuality is an important life skill for all our children to learn and we appreciate your support with this.

KOOSA – OFSTED INSPECTION RESULT

On 25th September, our Koosa Club provision was inspected by Ofsted and they received a 'good' rating. We have included their report as an attachment for you to read. Congratulations to the team.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Written by Kitty Strutt & Ellie-Mae Russell, Year 6

We made Pudsey bookmarks, keyrings and decorated jars to sell to raise money for Children In Need. So far we have raised £198.89!



EYFS

The children have really loved our last two topics of space and dinosaurs. Their knowledge and understanding of these subjects has really impressed us and we appear to have many budding scientists on our hands! Hopefully the children will be able to talk with you all about herbivores and carnivores, name several dinosaurs, talk about skeletons, fossils and palaeontologists and share some other dinosaur facts. Next week our topic will be pirates. The children will be learning to make maps, give and follow directions, explore sinking and floating and write messages (in bottles) to each other. If you have any small plastic bottles, cardboard tubes or corks that we could have we would be very grateful.

KS1

Year one enjoyed a fun multi sports event at The Edge, Woolmer Hill School last week. In school, pupils have been exploring their topic of traditional tales through the story of the Three Little Pigs. They have been retelling the story using the Talk for Writing method that we use at St Bart's, which helps them to rehearse language and innovate stories. The reading comprehensions they have been doing in guided reading sessions have also been based around the story. In maths they have been exploring more than, less than and equal to, and the tricky concept of writing numerals as whole words is progressing well. Next week we will be learning to use adjectives for effect, making posters and counting in 2s and 10s. The year two RE topic of remembrance has been particularly thought-provoking this week, with discussions of soldiers' experiences in the world wars as well as the Christmas truce of WW1 enabling the children to explore their emotions of empathy and compassion. The children have enjoyed using a variety of pencils to sketch woodland scenes and the results have been superb. We hope that the comprehension question ideas on the bookmarks that the children brought home to mark the end of the One Book project have proved useful when you read with your child. Next week the story of Red Riding Hood will be at the heart of our learning and we will be mastering the art of addition and subtraction in maths.



LKS2

LKS2 have been busy auditioning parts for the Christmas production which this year is called 'Super Star'. The children have either been given their parts or will shortly be given them. Once they have their parts they will be bringing home a letter outlining what they will need as a costume. In both year groups, the focus in maths has been on multiplication and division. This has included solving multiplication and division word problems which the children are realising are so much easier to solve when they have a good grasp of their times tables. Keep practising times tables at home with your children. In science, year 3 have been looking at the organs of the body after learning about muscles last week. Year 4 have been classifying animals and using keys to identify them. In English, year 3 are using the stimulus of a short animation, 'Marshmallows', to write descriptive sentences about a setting. Year 4 have been publishing their 'Flat Stanley' stories and accompanying their work with illustrations.

UKS2

As always it has been a busy couple of weeks at the top end of the school. Both years 5 and 6 have really enjoyed continuing and completing the One Book project around The Rats of Nimh. Children engaged well with the text and discussed it in different ways. We have done a lot of writing based on the book including fact files, persuasive arguments, balanced arguments and newspaper reports. Through doing so we have learnt about the different features associated with each genre and have created a variety of written work. A year 5 and year 6 class also managed to get together to have a passionate and well informed debate around the question 'Is animal testing justified?' We have also made collages based on images generated from the story. To mark Remembrance week the phase have been produced poppies which will go towards a forthcoming display in Haslemere. The phase has also been asked by the council to partake in



research about Haslemere soldiers who died in The Great War and whose names appear on cenotaph in town. We learnt how about how young many of these soldiers were when they died, what their role in the war was and where about in the town they lived. Year 5 cookery club got off to a sticky start this week with delicious Sticky Toffee Puddings.

ADOPT AN ELEPHANT (OR THREE) FOR ST BART'S!

Thank you for supporting Elsie and Boo to raise money to support and protect elephants. They raised a massive £117 selling handmade bookmarks and hamma beads today outside the school. This means they have been able to fund 3 symbolic elephant adoptions with the WWF. Elsie and Boo will each receive a pack in the post and the school will receive its own pack with information about the adoption and how the money raised will be used. Thank you once more for your support of the girls.



UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

Just to remind parents that if there is an unauthorised leave of absence for 5 or more school days, each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child and the amount payable is £60.00 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid after 21 days but before 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION COLLECTIONS

Our collection this year, is going to support the staff and children of the Nyabondo Primary School in Kenya. Beacon Hill Primary school has been supporting Nyabondo for a number of years. Last year, it was decided by the confederation and Super Schools Council that we would fundraise together. The outcome of this was astonishing. As a confederation, we were able to fit glass in windows of a classroom for the ECD (Year R) children, install electricity in every classroom and offices in the school, fit outside security lights, build a cow shed and buy a high yield cow and local heifer so the orphans have access to milk during the school day. The next project for the school is to have some more desk so there are spaces for all children to sit down and learn. Eventually the school would also like to build a kitchen on site so they are able to feed the orphans and most vulnerable children during the school day. We hope you will give generously and help us to support these children even further.

HERALD CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

This year we will be supporting the Heralds Children's Christmas Toy Appeal 2017 who are launching a Christmas Toy Appeal to support local charities such as; Home start, CCLL, Treloar's, Dreams come true & Challengers. They are aiming to receive donated toys / books etc for children aged 0-16 years to make their Christmas a little more special! If you wish to donate a new toy, a collection box will be in reception. Donations are to be received by Friday 8th December. Any contribution you can make towards this appeal, however small, will be much appreciated and recognised.

HENRY ADAMS – DESIGN A CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION

It has been a privilege for us to join your children in a school assembly this week to invite them to take part in our 'Design a Christmas Jumper Competition'. We have given an entry form to every child with instructions on how to take part. Additional forms are available from the school office.

The closing date is **Monday 4th December** and children may bring their completed jumper to our Henry Adams office for a sweet treat or back to their school. We look forward to seeing all their wonderful designs!



CHRISTMAS CRACKER CONCERT – HASLEMERE HALL

For many people the annual Christmas Cracker concert has been an integral part of the festive scene in Haslemere. Now in its eighteenth year, the event features seasonal carols, songs, comic verse and other fun activities, with lots of audience participation. Singers come from local choirs, churches and music societies who are joined by children from St Bartholomew's School (Mrs Lynch's Christmas Concert Choir Club). Comic verse and traditional readings are also included, and this year a group of handbell ringers will be chiming in the Christmas spirit. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. The event takes place at the Haslemere Hall on Saturday 16th December at 7.30 pm. Tickets, costing £10 for adults or £5 for children under 12, are now available from the Hall box office (01428 642161) or online. The event is usually a sell-out so do get your tickets early and come along and enjoy the fun with all the family.

TOY PUSHCHAIRS AND PRAMS WANTED!

We are currently looking for toy pushchairs/prams for use in the playground at break times by KS1. If anyone has any at home that are now surplus to requirements and are happy to donate them to school we would be very grateful. Thank you.

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, along with the notes for how to order choices. 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. A reminder that if your child is having a "one-off" meal, you should inform the school office by 9.30am in order for the correct numbers to be sent to the kitchen.

Yours faithfully,

C. D. Beckerson

Charles Beckerson
HEADTEACHER