



Friday 1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school Christmas tree is now up (thank you to the parent volunteers) and each class has decorations up too. St Bart's is suddenly feeling a lot more festive. We hope that all parents, carers and wider family members can come to the school Christmas fair on Saturday as this is not only one of the highlights of the year for the school but also a great time for the community to be together. Rehearsals in the hall sound like they are coming along and we look forward to seeing you all at the different key stage Christmas performances that are planned for the next few weeks.

### GREEN TEAM PLEA!

It has come to our attention that many people are still parking illegally or in an unsafe manner at drop off and collection times. May we remind you that this is unacceptable and dangerous to your children! The Green Team are looking for some volunteers to help support our cause in making these times safer for your children. If you are interested in helping us, please visit the office and sign up to patrol the traffic and position cones in problem areas in order to deter people from parking dangerously. Volunteers will be able to sign up to a slot of their choice (either AM or PM) on a day of their choice based on a 2 week rolling rota. Any support would be HUGELY appreciated. Many thanks!

### EYFS

The children have had a busy two weeks, beginning with a pirates topic in which they wrote letters in bottles, made wanted posters, drew treasure maps, made paper boats and thoroughly enjoyed making the teachers walk the plank! This week's topic was the Gruffalo. We have encouraged 'Talk for Writing' through retelling the story which has helped the children explore the structure and language of stories. They have made homes for the animals in the story and our addition maths has also been based around the Gruffalo.



Next week we will be focussing on the Nativity story, tying in with our performance on Tuesday morning at which we look forward to seeing you! The following week we will be writing letters to Father Christmas and wrapping presents in his grotto. If you happen to have any spare Christmas cards, wrapping paper or envelopes we would be very pleased to have them.

### KS1

Rehearsals for our Christmas show are well underway and we have been busy learning and practising lines and songs. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our performance next Thursday (Year 1) and Friday (Year 2). Please make sure all costumes are in school by Monday. Our topic of traditional tales continues to inspire the children's learning through investigating materials in Year 1 and writing about Little Red Riding Hood in Year 2. Next week we will be writing letters to Father Christmas, making Christmas decorations, learning about computer safety and maths will be number bonds to 20 for Year 1 and shape for Year 2. Common exception words will be our focus for spelling.

## LKS2

In LKS2, year 3 have concluded their writing based on the film clip 'Marshmallows'. The children have written a non-chronological report all about the fictional monster in the film, the 'Mallodile', and have also written a story in the first person, told from the boy's perspective. In maths, they have been learning to measure and the children are beginning to convert from centimetres to millimetres and from metres to centimetres. They have been enjoying lots of practical activities to develop their measuring skills. As part of their topic work on Ancient Britain, they have learned facts about Stonehenge and have used this setting as inspiration to create Stonehenge sunset scenes.

Year 4 have been learning about how bronze artefacts were made. In place of bronze, they filled their own moulds in the shape of axe and spear heads with melted chocolate. In maths, year 4 are continuing to learn methods to multiply and divide and are realising how important a good grasp of their times tables is in order to answer questions both accurately and quickly. In English, they are preparing to write a letter to the children at the Saffron Public School in Phagwara in India telling them all about how we celebrate Christmas in the United Kingdom. In return, the children in India have prepared a powerpoint presentation about a Sikh festival, Gurupurab, to share with our year 4 children. This exchange is enabling the children to understand the cultural diversity in our world. Both year groups are busily learning songs, words and actions for the Christmas play and hope that you are enjoying the songs as the children learn to sing them at home.



## UKS2

In Year 5 the children have been doing a range of writing including completing their epic fantasy stories which are the culmination of their work on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' The children had previously completed their homework, which was to create a 2D or 3D representation of the setting for their story, and this helped to inspire them (thank you to parents who helped create such magnificent designs.) In Geography, we have been learning about the coldest places in the world where, just like in Narnia, 'it is always winter'.

Year 6 have been learning all about Hinduism. As part of the unit Mrs Sikand very kindly came into both the year 6 classes to answer questions about what it means to be a Hindu. We have also been busy learning all about light and how we see in science and in English we have produced playscripts influenced by Narnia and WW2. On the subject of the war a big thank you to Mrs Duly and all the parent helpers for the fantastic food that they made with the year 6 classes to do with rationing. It seemed that with only limited ingredients scrumptious meals could still be made!



## COOKERY

Year 5 Cookery Club celebrated Thanksgiving recently with cornbread and pumpkins tarts and then enjoyed a visit from Mrs Lynch who shared her homeland memories.



## YEAR 5 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – *By Jos, Harry and Bertie*

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the Year 5 football team from St Bart's went to the Tillingbourne tournament. On our first game against Beacon Hill it was surprisingly tough and ended up at 0-0. On our second game we played Cranleigh who had a very good start and we deservedly beat them 3-0. After a few games we noticed that the other teams were doing very well and we started to get worried about Chandler. Then, in the game against them we won 2-0. After that we played our last two games winning against St James and drawing to Loseley Fields putting us at the top of the leaderboard with 11 points. In the final we played the hosts, Tillingbourne and won the game 2-0 and won the tournament. The team was Jos, Bertie, Jake, Sam, Josh, Lewis, Harry, Thomas, Jacob, Emily and Alfie. We were the champions!



## YEAR 3 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - *By Tom, Stanley, Noah and Harry*

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, eight children from Year 3 went to a football tournament at Tillingbourne school. We played 5 games against St. James, Beacon Hill, Cranleigh and two more schools. We won the second last game 2-0 and the last game 1-0. We drew 1 match and lost 2 in the first 3 matches but these were really good games. The pitches were huge! In the 4<sup>th</sup> game, Harry got tackled, the goal keeper missed it, Noah shot and it went in. Stanley passed the ball past the defenders (5 of them). Harry was 1 on 1 against the keeper and the keeper came out towards him and he shot and scored. In the end we did awesome because we won 2, lost 2 and drew 1. We came in the middle.



The year 3 football team at their first school football tournament.

## YEAR 5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 7 of St Bartholomew's Year 5 netball team went to their first tournament at the senior Royal School. The team was, Emma McKay, Isabel Jennings, Sophie Croucher, Molly Carey, Daisy Pell, Morgan Lawrence and Jemima Craven. It was an amazing experience and a great team effort. We played 4 matches winning 3 and losing 1. When we heard that we weren't last or third, we were all very excited. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and could have come joint 1<sup>st</sup> if we had got one more point. The team we lost against came joint last and one of the teams we beat came 1<sup>st</sup>. We all thought we did incredibly well for our first tournament. However, we couldn't have done it without Mrs Curry and Miss Lawrence!

## EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Bart's News Christmas special will be on sale from **Monday 11th December** at the end of the day, by the school gates. Each magazine will cost £1.50 as it is a bumper edition. Included are Christmas stories, the truth about the JFK assassination, sports, all your Star Wars Last Jedi news, a special interview with Father Christmas, jokes, activities and much more!

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> December.** Any contribution you can make towards this appeal, however small, will be much appreciated and recognised.

## HENRY ADAMS – DESIGN A CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION

Your Christmas jumper designs are now going up in the window of Henry Adams Estate Agents in the High Street. Henry Adams would love you to take a selfie (outside the office or in front of our tree) and post on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook linking to #Henryadams #Haslemere @henryadamssales. There will be a small prize for the best selfie posted. You can still submit designs until next **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**



## 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.



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



**HASLEMERE** is twinned with **BERNAY** (in Normandy, France)  
and **HORB am NECKAR** (Southern Germany).

**St. Bart's School** is twinned with **L' École Jean Moulin** in Bernay.



Come and meet a member of the Haslemere Twinning Association at St. Bart's Christmas Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to find out more about your family being linked up with a family in Bernay. You'll find us where you see the French, German and British flags flying!

### **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.

There have been a number of cases of head lice identified in most year groups. It is essential that children are checked on a regular basis so that any head lice outbreaks can be dealt with quickly and effectively. We would kindly request that you check your child's hair over the weekend, even if they appear free of symptoms, and treat if necessary. This will hopefully curtail the current outbreak. For further information on head lice, including detection and treatment, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>.

### **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,

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