



Friday 31st March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy and exciting term and we brought it to a close this morning with a fantastic celebration assembly in which we recognised a number of sporting, musical and academic achievements across the school. Thank you for your continued support of our school family and please take the time out to enjoy a well-deserved Easter break with your families.

EYFS

The first Easter week at St Bart's for the Reception children has been full of excitement, interest and wonder. They have loved dressing up and acting out the Easter story, which has led to some super writing in their special Easter story books. The weather has helped with their exploration of Spring, and has enabled them to set out Easter egg hunts for each other, with treasure maps and secret messages written inside plastic eggs! We have been delighted with the watercolour paintings and Easter craft work the children have been doing, as their resilience and attention to detail has been really shining through. They have thoroughly enjoyed planting flowers and vegetables, and learning to care and nurture them. To encourage their independence we would like the children to begin going up to the playground when they arrive at school in the morning, with the rest of the school; where we will meet and greet them. This will begin on **Monday 24th April**. The Early Years team will be waiting at various points along the path to ensure the children are safe and happy. Many thanks for your support this term. We hope the children have a very well-deserved Easter break.



KS1

Our half term's topic of Famous People finished with learning all about Queen Victoria and Victorian life as a child. Year One children were very interested in watching videos and carrying out research into Victorian toys, and made some windmills of their own. This week they have been enjoying learning about and recording the Easter story, making Easter baskets and Easter cards. We have been delighted at how much learning and progress they have made this term, and ask that you continue reading with them regularly over the Easter break, and visit the library. Year Two children have made an incredible achievement this week: their sponsored run fundraising for Comic Relief raised over £1000! We were amazed and delighted by this and are very grateful for your support. Another great event was the Infant Singing Festival in which 31



Year Two children took part. We were extremely proud of them and they thoroughly enjoyed performing with other schools in front of a large audience. Our Easter topic, learning about why Easter is important to Christians, has provoked some excellent discussion and deep thinking, and every child was involved in designing and making class Easter gardens. We will be setting homework for the Easter holiday, but we would appreciate you



practising spellings with your child, using the words in the centre of the Reading Record books, as well as the list of Common Exception words which we have sent home. The new topic for Key Stage 1 after Easter will be Plants and Healthy Eating. We hope you have a most enjoyable Easter break.

LKS2

This week, LKS2 had a visit from both the author and the illustrator of one of the library challenge books, 'Dave Pigeon', Swapna Haddow and Sheena Dempsey. Swapna took ideas from the children for a new 'Dave Pigeon' book, whilst Sheena illustrated their ideas as they came up with them, creating wonderful drawings. The children in Year 4 then went on to write their stories up. In Maths, Year 4 have been revising areas of maths that they have found more difficult to answer in a recent assessment, including calculating time intervals. This is something that you can support them with at home, talking about how long something lasts or has lasted eg. a television programme. Year 3 have been multiplying 2-digit by 1-digit numbers using the grid method. They have also been learning division as the inverse of multiplication. Practising this at home would be a great help. We have had a special focus on RE this week as we approach Easter. Both year groups have studied Jesus' journey from His birth to His Resurrection. The children have read Bible stories about Jesus' life and then freeze framed the events depicted, before creating tableaux of the scenes out of a range of craft materials.



UKS2

The Viking unit has drawn to a close in years 5 and 6 and the Viking boats that the children have built are looking fantastic. Year 6 have also enjoyed writing news reports about the Viking attack on the monastery of Lindisfarne. These have written from the perspective of the monks at the monastery as well as the Viking raiders themselves. Year 5 have had a particularly sporty fortnight with bike-ability in which they have learnt how to ride their bicycles safely, from wearing the correct equipment to how to look out for traffic. They have also been making a splash with their swimming assessment at the Heron's. Year 6 have been busy making their own maths booklets to help them with their SATs preparations and to develop their maths understanding more generally. We've also enjoyed a range of Easter activities from reading and retelling the Easter story, acting it out and making our own board games based on events around Jesus's arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT – Written by Cherish Black, Year 6

On Monday 20th March the Year 6 netball team went to Rodborough Secondary School in Milford. We played 10 or more schools but we were split in half, so there were 5 teams on one court and five on the other. Our team won all of our matches, one match we won 6-0 and we then went into the semi finals. We played well but unfortunately lost two, we were quite disappointed. Then another school asked to play for third and fourth places and luckily we won that match which meant we were in third place. We were happy and a little bit sad, we knew we tried our best and next time we would try even harder to win! At the end of the matches, Olivia Ball got rewarded a medal for best player of the tournament. Olivia deserved this medal because she used sportmanship and she was always one step in front of the others. We were extremely happy with our results!



DT, COOKERY AND TEXTILES CLUB



The children in the after school textiles club have spent a wonderful term making beautiful purses and boiled egg covers just in time for Easter! Year 3 Cookery Club created delicious Mother's Day fudge gifts tied with ribbon. Red Nose Day was celebrated by Madagascar Class DT Food & Nutrition Lesson last Friday with Red Nosed Pizzas and Red Nosed chocolate muffins. The extra muffins were sold in the staffroom to help raise even more money for Comic Relief.

STAFF STARTERS/LEAVERS

A few weeks ago, we welcomed Mrs Beattie into our admin team and she has been working diligently away in the school office ever since. We are really pleased to have her onboard and we know you have all made her feel very welcome when you have spoken to her. Thank you.

Sadly, we said goodbye today to Mrs Chalmers who has been a valued member of our school for many years. Mrs Chalmers joined St Bart's as a Teaching Assistant and soon worked her way up to the role of Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Over the years, she gave much energy and dedication to the Early Years team before setting up our wonderful BARTS Breakfast Club. We will miss Mrs Chalmers but wish her every success as she moves on.

BOOK ILLUSTRATOR NEEDED FROM KS2!

Year 6 class teacher, Mr O, has recently written a children's picture book called 'Ronald – The Boy who Wanted Respect'. He read some of the story in Celebration Assembly today. The only problem is there are no pictures yet! So, Mr O is currently looking for an illustrator for the book. He knows that there are lots of budding artists in the school and ideally would like the book to be produced solely as a St Bartholomews collaboration. If you fancy this task please draw a picture to go with the extract from the book below and get it back to Mr O by Friday 21st April. If picked you would get paid a princely sum (price agreed with yourself and your parents) and have your work published.

Ronald liked to show off all the things he had, such as his leopard-skin pencil case or gold bike. He always made sure that he put his name on all his stuff in really big letters so that the whole world would know that it belonged to him and nobody else. Having so much made Ronald think he must therefore be very clever and so very, very important.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all the support generous donations, at the moment they have good supply of products, especially dried pasta and treats. At present they welcome donations preferably of the following products to maintain the stock which can be left in the box in reception:

Tinned products: Baked beans, tomatoes, vegetables, soup, meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, custard, pasta (spaghetti, ravioli, macaroni cheese), potatoes, drinking chocolate.

Packet products: Tea bags (small packs), cereals (not family size please), porridge oats, rice, couscos, sugar, long life milk.

Jars: Jam /marmalade, pasta sauce, coffee (small jars of instant).

Toiletries: Toilet rolls (4 pack), shampoo, soap, toothpaste.

BOOST OUR SCHOOL FUNDING

Part of the schools funding is based on the number of pupils who are eligible for free school meals. If you think you may be eligible for free meals for your child, please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return to the school office as soon as possible. All forms are checked through a safe and secure website. To qualify for free meals, a parent should be in receipt of one of the following:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a gross income that does not exceed £16,190
- Working tax credit 'run-on' paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit
- Either or both parents members of HM Armed Forces or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence
- Has your child been adopted (e.g. from Local Authority Care) or is your child under special guardianship, child arrangement or a residence order?
- Has your child been looked after by Social Care for at least 1 day?

LUNCH MONEY

This terms payments are now due, please ensure payments are made as soon as possible. School lunches now cost £2.20 per day, or £11.00 per week. If you require a lunch for your child, please advise the school office by 9.30am on the day. If your child brings a packed lunch when they normally have a school lunch, please also let the office know: the kitchen cooks the number of meals advised to them each morning, and therefore you will be charged if we do not know that a lunch was not required.

School lunches should be paid for using the online system, or by cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or cash.

First half term - £ 61.60

Second half term - £ 63.80

Total for Spring term - £125.40

(Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal, pupil lunches from year 3 onwards should be paid for unless you qualify for free school meals).

Yours faithfully,

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