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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems that Easter was a while ago now but as it's my first time writing to you since we returned from the holidays, I'd like to say 'welcome back' and that I hope you managed to have a refreshing break with your families. The children have all returned to school with plenty of energy and determination to succeed and we are excited as we watch them make great strides in their learning this term, which is what usually happens as everything comes together towards the end of an academic year. I had an inspiring meeting on Wednesday with Andy and Jules from Music Works in Milford who have offered to kit out our multi purpose room with a PA, drums, microphones, guitars and keyboards free of charge and to provide music tuition for children if there is enough demand. I will be arranging an evening in the near future for them to come along and give a promotion to you about their services and to perform for you too. For more information to whet your appetite, please see www.themusicworks.co

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN HASLEMERE MEETING AT ST BART'S

If you regularly walk your children to school, you'll probably have a horror story to tell about crossing the roads. But traffic speeds are a challenge not just for our children, but for many other members of our community. There are limits to how much the County Council can invest in traffic calming, so this meeting is about understanding what can be done - by the Council, as well as by all of us who live in Haslemere. A meeting is being held in school on **Wednesday 10th May** and the purpose of this meeting is to understand people's concerns, to discuss the options open to us as a community, and hopefully to agree some next steps. If traffic speeds bother you and you'd like to help make Haslemere more pedestrian-friendly, please come along. Refreshments will be served from 6:45pm. To register your interest, please email: dontbeatoad@gmail.com - or just turn up on the night!



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

The Derby Road and Weydown Road residents association recently had its AGM and have contacted the school with some ongoing issues. Unfortunately there are still a small number of parents/carers who don't obey the parking regulations, so please may we reiterate that **a) the double yellow lines need to be obeyed i.e. no parking, b) could people please not park and leave their engine running, and c) could parents avoid parking on the longer stretches of white lines outside driveways as they have been put there specifically to create passing spaces during the drop off and pick up period.** Our local residents have stated that their concerns are purely for the health and safety of the parents and your children and NOT anything to do with the residents own access/parking needs, as most of them try their best to avoid using the road during the busy pick up/drop off times.

EYFS

This week's Mr Men topic was specially designed to encourage the children to talk about their emotions and try to verbalise how they are feeling. We have used language such as feeling worried, happy, sad, uppity and curious and have been encouraging the children to make explanations and give reasons for their feelings so that they can recognise when to use strategies for self-help and asking for help. They have also loved making their own Mr Men books and sorting according to shape or other criteria in Maths. As part of the RE curriculum the children have been learning about the rainbow being a symbol of hope, and had fun chalking rainbows on the playground. Next week's topic will be 'Pirates'. If you have any resources that we could borrow to support this we would be very grateful, and any cardboard tubes to make telescopes would be much appreciated.

KS1

The visit to Wisley was a resounding success! The day was filled with a great deal of exploring, investigating and learning and the children have come back to school brimming with facts and ideas. An example of these are that bananas grow on plants not trees which are in fact giant herbs, there is such thing as a 'teddy bear palm', and that when camellias drop, they drop their whole flower not just single petals. Year One used the experience to write imaginative accounts of what it would be like to be a seed, learned about maps by plotting their route around Wisley and learned about vegetables as healthy foods. Next week they will be learning all about the human body and the senses. Year Two made some super vegetable watercolour paintings this week and are enjoying planting and looking after plants. They wrote some excellent recounts of their visit to Wisley, focussing on expanded noun phrases and punctuation. Thank you to all those who attended the SATs Parents' Information Evening. For those who were unable to attend, the Class Reps will be able to relay any important information you may have missed.



LKS2

This week, Years 3 and 4 have visited Haslemere Museum as part of their topic on the local landscape and environment. They enjoyed learning about the history of Haslemere and, through a workshop on maps, they discovered how Haslemere has changed over time, particularly following the arrival of the railway completed in 1859. This visit will be followed up on 6th June by a walk around Hindhead Common and the Devil's Punchbowl when we will be exploring the geographical and geological features of Haslemere and its surrounds. In Maths, Year 3 have been revisiting fractions, multiplication and division. Year 4 have been learning about negative numbers and why we use them, including to measure temperature and the height of land below sea level. They have also been learning how to read and write coordinates on a grid which they will follow up on by learning to read coordinates on a map.



Both Year groups have started a unit of writing based around adventure stories. After looking at a variety of adventure stories from Enid Blyton's 'Famous Five' to J.R.R. Tolkein's 'The Hobbit', we will be basing our own adventure stories around 'Where the Wild Things Are'. In Science, Year 3 have started a unit on light although, unfortunately, the sun has decided not to shine and they have had to measure their shadows using torches. Year 4 have continued learning about electricity. They have made electric circuits to light a light bulb and looked a series of circuits to decide if they are complete or incomplete, explaining why.

UKS2

The children are full of energy after their Easter break and are enjoying their new topic on Globetrotters which we will be studying throughout the Summer Term. We have already done some research into Mount Everest and the famous first ascent of Everest by Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay. Year 5 have linked this story to work on newspapers and newspaper reports whilst year 6 have started planning and writing explanation texts based on mountaineering and other topics chosen by the children. In science Y5 children have begun their learning on solids, liquids and gases and year 6 have started investigating into evolution, learning this week about inherited and acquired characteristics. Year 6 have also been revising hard for their SATs which take place in just over a week - they are feeling both relaxed and confident.



BARTS NEWSPAPER!

Extra Extra read all about it! We are excited to announce that on Tuesday May 2nd Barts News, the newspaper for the kids by the kids, will be hot off the press and on sale at the school gates for only £1. Children from across St Bart's have worked incredibly hard on articles and produced a wonderful publication that is both entertaining and informative. This fantastic newspaper will be sold on both Tuesday and Wednesday of next week between 3.10 and 3.30pm. It is 20 pages of full colour with investigative pieces on school dinners, the Westminster attack, what teachers get up to at lunch time and the Year 6 vs teachers football and netball matches. There are also wonderfully imaginative stories about the books in the library and St Bart's from a pigeon's perspective. There are also jokes, surveys, animal pages and a quiz. Answers to the quiz should be handed into the news team and children who get them all correct will be awarded a brainbuster certificate. There is plenty in Barts News to keep your child entertained. Make sure to get your copy before they sell out.

ST BART'S HOG



On April 1st our St Bart's Hog, Hollyhock was on show at Haslemere Museum, along with 59 other locally painted pigs. She is currently in pride of place outside Henry Adams in Haslemere. A big well done to our competition winner Holly McLaughlin for coming up with such a bright and colourful design, and many thanks to the Year 6 art club for helping to recreate Holly's design on our life-size pig. We currently have a display of the super art work from our runners up in the school hall.

DT AND COOKERY



Year 2 cookery club began this week with a classic fruit crumble pudding and Early Years have been busy making their own fresh pasta and tomato sauce in their DT Food & Nutrition lessons. They have ripped, snipped, torn, grated, rolled and tasted their own delicious Italian food.

INSET TRAINING AND PARENTS WORKSHOP

On our Inset day last week, Mrs Booker and I led staff training on supporting children to manage their anxiety and get the best out of themselves in every learning situation. We have noticed an increase in children feeling anxious in school and our research suggests that this echoes the national picture in schools and amongst adults. The teachers have all planned lessons to teach the children useful strategies to manage their emotions and be positive thinkers which they will be teaching this term. My next step it to share information and strategies with you and I would like to invite you to join us on **Wednesday 17th May** at 7pm for a session on encouraging and supporting emotional well being.

TRIP AND LUNCH PAYMENTS

To help improve the administration of trips and school lunches, we would be grateful if payments could be made using the online system. The online system allows you to keep track of payments you have made, and it lessens the possibility of cheques and cash going astray.

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 - £ 59.40

Second half term - £ 77.00

Total for Summer term - £136.40

(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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Charles Beckerson
HEADTEACHER