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Dear Parents and Carers,

The HEADLINE of this newsletter has to be 'St Bart's Choir thrills an audience of 2000 at The Barbican.' Last night, 40 children from St Bart's took to the stage at The Barbican in London to perform songs from their recently released album 'Pop or Not' which was a re-imagining of the debut album by Whyte Horses, released last year. They performed alongside the original band and were joined on stage by Badly Drawn Boy for an exclusive performance of 'Elusive Mr Jimmy' and by Maki when they performed 'Natures Mistakes' The children also joined the band and their celebrity guests, including La Roux and The Go! Team for the encore, receiving a standing ovation from the ecstatic audience. Mrs Hollyer and I could not be prouder of the children's conduct, enthusiasm and professionalism – they were born for the stage and might well have exciting careers ahead of them! If you did not hear the album the first time round, you can download it from iTunes or buy a physical copy on amazon.co.uk.



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## EYFS

The children have been learning about pets this week as part of an 'Animal' topic. It has encouraged them to show care and concern for living things in the environment as part of the Understanding the World area of the Early Years curriculum. They have been busy making homes for them, role playing vets, making Lost Pet posters and making surveys to find out which pets people own. Next week we will be continuing with pets and moving on to wild animals. If anyone would be able to bring in a (well-behaved!) pet for the children to see and ask questions about we would be very grateful - please let us know.

## KS1

Year One have been focussing on captions, lists and labels in English this week, getting to grips with the organisation and conventions of information texts. We have been using our senses to explore the world, going on a senses field walk and exploring interesting and unusual taste, touch and smell through the use of feelie boxes and sensory tables in the classroom. Switzerland Class enjoyed leading the Church service on Wednesday and spoke and sang with confidence and clarity. Year Two have been busy planting vegetables and looking after them, finding out how plants grow in the school environment by going on a nature walk. We have also written some excellent Superhero stories in English, and in RE have started a topic on Islam. Next week our Super Spy Training will continue; the children have been working hard and are deservedly proud of their achievements. We will also be looking at healthy eating so would appreciate it if you could support this by looking at food labels in shops to find out where in the world food comes from, as well as encouraging your child to try unfamiliar foods.

## LKS2

In Maths, Year 3 have been focusing on Geometry before moving on to learning about time. They have been learning more about the properties of 2-D shapes and the different types of lines: horizontal, vertical, diagonal, parallel and perpendicular. To help them remember the different lines they have learnt a rap, with actions to represent the types of lines. They have also learnt about digital and analogue time – your help at home teaching your child how to read the time is invaluable. Year 4 have been learning how to represent and interpret continuous data in bar charts and line graphs. They have also learnt how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. In English, Year 3 have been editing, improving and publishing their adventure stories. Year 4 have revisited the rules and conventions for punctuating speech, writing a conversation between Max and the Wild Things, before planning and writing the opening for their adventure stories. Last Wednesday, Year 4 attended a multi-sports event at the Edge where they took part in a range of activities along with other schools in the Confederation. Thankfully, this time the weather stayed dry and they were able to play tennis and handball, tackle an obstacle course and have a go at Taekwondo. Many thanks to Ms Kinch for her help on the day.



## UKS2

Y6 have just completed their SATs in fine style, showing a level of maturity and professionalism that they can feel proud of. Though we won't have any results until July the children can rest assured that they have tried their best. Well done. Apart from the joy of tests both years 5 and 6 have been engaged with a range of other learning in the classroom. Year 5 have developed their understanding and writing of newspaper reports, have investigated into dissolving and evaporating in science and have interviewed Christians in the church about how their faith leads them to take positive actions in the world. Year 6 have studied adaptation as part of their learning about evolution, have enjoyed becoming sci-fi writers in English and have made most of the weather by developing team skills in PE through cricket and rounders. With the SATs out the way the children are now looking forward to their business initiative and the leavers production, both of which are on the horizon.

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEETING

This Wednesday, the School welcomed 30+ residents from across the town to discuss ways to improve safety - and quality of life – for Haslemere pedestrians. We were pleased to be joined by Richard Hampson, the new County Councillor for Surrey, outgoing Councillor Nikki Barton, LibDem candidate John Robini and Jim Edwards from Haslemere Town Council. The Headteacher set the scene with the simple observation of how different



Haslemere has changed since he was a boy - much of it for the better, but not in the case of traffic. There were plenty of suggestions, both from the group and by e mail, for both 'hard' (physical traffic management) and 'soft' (attitudinal and educational) measures to make the town safer and, in the words of one participant 'to put pedestrians first again'. These suggestions will now be assessed by the organisers - two residents of Lower Street - and presented as possible routes for action. All the Councillors attending were very positive - with a strong suggestion from one that all Haslemere Schools should be buffered from traffic by 20MPH speed limits. There is little available County or Waverley budget for major road calming measures, but the group as a whole was very supportive of the concept of 20MPH zones. If you would like to be kept informed of next steps or support in some way (collecting signatures,

posters etc) please e mail [dontbeatoad@gmail.com](mailto:dontbeatoad@gmail.com) and you'll be put on the mailing list. And if you would like a 'Don't be a Toad' 20mph car window sticker, there is a supply available from the school office. Many many thanks to Sarah Walker for her contribution and for civilising proceedings with refreshments! *Report written by Mr Shaun Whatling*

## DT AND COOKERY

Year 2 Cookery Club has enjoyed making healthy tuna burgers with a salad recently. Year 2 have worked hard on their knife skills chopping, mixing, stirring and shaking rainbow couscous and colourful fruit kebabs with delicious dressings in recent DT Food & Nutrition lessons as part of their growing, planting and healthy eating topic.



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday the year 3 & 4 girls and year 3 & 4 boys competed in a tournament at Tillingbourne School, with the girls being the overall winners winning their games 7-0, 5-0, 3-0 and 6-0. The boys were losing finalists to Tillingbourne, having not lost a game throughout the competition. Well done to both teams!



## HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Haslemere Food Bank would like to thank you for all the donations they have received. This month they only require the following donations which you can be left in the box in the reception area (small items, not family packs):-

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned carrots, peas
- Jam /Marmalade
- Drinking chocolate
- Loo rolls
- Shampoo.

At present, they DO NOT need Biscuits or Dried Pasta

## 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,

*C. D. Beckerson*

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