



Friday 26th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been yet another wonderful half term at St Bart's and we are now all looking forward to a well-deserved half-term break. Year 2 and 6 children have completed their SATs (Year 2 actually did spy quizzes!) and the rest of the children have also completed assessments in the core subjects. There have been musical and sporting achievements and some of the classes have led worship sessions in the church on Wednesdays, which have been very enjoyable. Enjoy the week off school with your children – let's hope the sun keeps shining!

### CARS AND PARKING

I am writing, once again, to remind you that we MUST help to keep our children safe from the danger of cars outside our school. Please obey the rules. The yellow zig zag outside the school means NO PARKING. The double yellow lines mean NO PARKING and the school car park is for STAFF ONLY. I realise that there are only a few of you who do not obey the rules and I implore you to keep our children's safety at the forefront of your minds. Please consider respectfully challenging each other so that we can all work together to keep our children safe.

### EYFS

The children have embraced the Superhero topic this week with great gusto! They have been dressing up and acting out stories and scenarios, learning to cooperate and solve problems. They have enjoyed describing and writing about super powers and we have been impressed with some of the intricate pictures they have drawn. In Maths they have been learning about subtraction. After the half term holiday the topic will be Farms, so if you get the opportunity to visit a farm between now and then, it would be wonderful if the children could take photos to bring in to share.



### KS1

The English topic of writing information texts in Year 1 is now concluded and we have been delighted with some of the words and phrases the children are now choosing. The children have enjoyed learning about the Torah in RE and have been practising writing in Hebrew from right to left. They have also been learning all about the lifecycle of plants. Over the half term holiday we would appreciate it if you could practise the phonics sounds in the middle of the reading records as often as possible. We are very proud and pleased with the resilient and positive attitude the Year Two children have shown in their recent SATs tests. The work we have been doing with the children on dealing with anxiety, and our attempts to make it as calm and stress-free as possible have paid off and the children have embraced the work with maturity. Thank you for your support during this month. We would like the children to relax over the half term break, so are just sending home some spellings for you to practise with them whenever you can. The new KS1 topic will be The Seaside, so if you visit a seaside during the week we would love the children to bring in some photos if possible.

## LKS2

Year 3 have been consolidating their learning in Maths and trying to interpret which skills to use for different word problems. In English, they have completed their adventure stories and published them as fully bound and illustrated novels. Many of the children took their stories to reception and KS1 where they read them to a wonderful audience. They were also able to support the younger children with ideas for their own stories. In Science, the sun finally shone and year 3 were able to look at how shadows changed throughout the day. They presented their data in charts and graphs before drawing scientific conclusions about light. In RE, we have just begun our topic in how the church began and we look forward to linking this with the school's weekly themes. Year 4 had a fabulous week at CYE on their residential trip last week, despite the rain. There was a new tunnelling activity this year, which involved the children negotiating a series of tunnels with only a head torch to light the way. This was quite daunting for some of them at first, but it was fantastic to see them overcome their fears and start exploring the tunnel system. They also all took to the water in the beautiful Chichester Harbour, donning wetsuits and 'Smurf' suits to go out in kayaks and long boats. It was also the first time many children had been away from home, which many found scary at first, but they soon overcame their worries and had an amazing few days.



## UKS2

As always it's been a busy 2 weeks at the top end of the school. Year 5 have completed their fantastic work on news articles about the Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull (I haven't just lent on my keyboard by the way - you may recall its eruption in 2010). Their articles have now been edited and published. Lots of science has also been taken place in Year 5 around changing materials - with the experimentation of the reaction between vinegar and bicarbonate of soda being a highlight. Year 5 also participated really well in a Rounders tournament, developing their team skills in the sunny weather. Year 6 have continued to be busy post SATs. They have done some fantastic science fiction writing in which the children visited 3 strange aliens world as well as a piece in which a black hole came out of a photocopier. Japan and Sri Lanka also had the pleasure of cooking a delicious chicken chasseur and making chocolate profiteroles. A big thank you to Mrs Duly and all the adult helpers for making this happen.



## DT AND COOKERY

Year 2 Cookery Club enjoyed creating their own chicken & leek pies this week and mini chefs of the future in Year 6 have been busy cooking a 3 course meal with knife skills and basic food hygiene knowledge for the future.



## **WILDLIFE GARDEN**

I would like to express huge gratitude to Kate Russell (Mum to Scott and Erin in Key Stage 1) and the team of volunteer parents who have given their time and energy over two consecutive weekends to tackle our overgrown wildlife area. The garden is now much improved and many children have already enjoyed exploring it with their teachers and learning support assistants. Kate, being the determined lady she is, has already decided on the next steps: she hopes to spend two days during the summer holidays to tackle the remaining brambles/trees to the right of the entrance and finish clearing the lower path access around the back of the large pond. If you feel able to volunteer, please let Kate know directly or pop in and let a member of staff know in the school office.

## **STAFF LEAVERS**

Mrs Lindars - After many years working at St Bart's, Mrs Lindars will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Lindars joined the school in 2001 and has taught hundreds of children since then. She has played a very active role as a member of the staff team and made significant contributions to school life, particularly by lending the support of her artistic flair and flower arranging skills. We know that many of you will want to say goodbye to Mrs Lindars in your own way so we wanted to let you know as early as possible.

Ms Stone - Sadly, Ms Stone was diagnosed with osteoporosis some while ago and, as a result, has had several fractures to her spine. She has, understandably, decided to leave her post as a 'closing the gap' teacher in Key Stage 1. Ms Stone joined the school in 2009 as a higher level teaching assistant and soon became a specialist reading teacher, supporting many children to catch up with their reading where they had fallen behind. More recently, Ms Stone has worked closely with the Key Stage 1 teachers to provide personalised 1:1 and group sessions for children to help them catch up with their reading and writing. We will miss her and wish her well.

## **ST BART'S HOG MUGS**

We are able to offer 60 limited edition 'HOG' mugs which display our St Bart's hog, designed by Holly McLaughlin in Year 4. The price for each mug is £10 and we are able to accept cash or cheques (payable to Haslemere Festival). The first 60 limited edition mugs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to purchase one of these mugs, please complete the order form attached to this email and return it to the school office in a sealed envelope along with your payment.



## **RECEPTION, YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

If you are planning on ordering school photographs (Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 only) but haven't got round to it yet, it's a good idea to act quickly if you can. All orders placed by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 will receive a 10% DISCOUNT & FREE SHIPPING.

You should already have received your viewing card. If for any reason you haven't, please speak with Reception or contact Pret-a-Portrait directly on 0800 021 7626 or [customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net](mailto:customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net)

## **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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