



Friday 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't know about you but it feels like the Autumn term has got off to a wonderful flying start to me. The children have settled into their new classes, they are working and playing well together and their behaviour around the school is outstanding. We shared in a meaningful harvest festival on Wednesday with Sandy Clarke and her assistant, Chloe, leading the interactive service. We sang 'Paint box', 'Lord of the Harvest' and 'Harvest Samba' and reflected on how our generous food donations to the Haslemere Food Bank would feed approximately twenty local families for a week.

### EYFS

We are delighted with how quickly and happily the children have settled in to their new school and classes. They have had so much to learn with new routines, people and expectations but the learning environment already feels calm and purposeful as they have adapted so well. We have made a start with phonics and so far the children have learned to recognise and write the sounds s, a and t. We are using the Jolly Phonics scheme (the songs we use can be found on Youtube). We will be holding an information evening on phonics, handwriting and reading later this half term so that you can support your child at home. Next week we will start a new topic of 'All About Me' and we would be grateful if you could send in a picture of your child as a baby.



### KS1

Visiting Marwell has really sparked the children's imagination for their new topic of animals. The workshops all about habitats were excellent and the children have been discussing their learning in depth since the trip. We were very proud of the children's behaviour and attitude whilst there. Many thanks to all those who came to help. Year 2 have been particularly focussing on reinforcing and revisiting key reading skills in class this week. Please endeavour to read with your child every night. We will also be sending home some spellings and/or graphemes and phonemes to practise at home and your support with these will be much appreciated. Next week we will be continuing to write recounts and will be making camouflage pictures. This week in Year 1 we have had a focus on counting forwards and backwards in maths. We have also learned all about omnivores, herbivores and carnivores and we have been practising core sentence construction skills by writing recounts.

Next week we will be reading various animal poems, looking at rhythm, rhyme and descriptive words, and having a go at writing some of our own. In maths we will be practising more than and less than.



## LKS2

It has been a very busy start to the new school year in LKS2. After immersing themselves in learning about their class countries from the Americas in the first week of term, the children have started on the topic for the rest of the term –Ancient Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. As part of this topic they will be making Stone Age tools from cardboard and we would be grateful if you could send in any leftover cardboard you have at home. In maths, both year groups have been focussing on place value in numbers, as well as practising times tables. Practising times tables with your children will help them memorise them more quickly. In English, we have been looking at the features of adventure stories and been reading *Flat Stanley* prior to writing adventure stories based around this book. In science, Year 3 have started their year-long science investigation by collecting rainfall which they will measure monthly. Year 4 have started measuring the temperature daily at lunchtime as well as learning about the digestive system in humans. We are all looking forward to our trip to Butser Ancient Farm next week on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The children will need to be dressed for the weather on the day, with wellies if it is wet.

## UKS2

The children have settled with enthusiasm into years 5 and 6 since the beginning of the school year. Germany class have learnt all about the country and made pretzels and figures wearing traditional lederhosen. In Italy they cooked spaghetti bolognese, made their own leaning towers of Pisa and wrote their own stories under the heading of The Straight Tower of Pisa. Up in Y6 the children in Spain produced a Did U Know? fact sheet about the country, wrote their own phase books and produced artwork in the style of Guidi. In Iceland the children produced their own artwork of the Northern Lights, made volcanoes and learnt some basic Icelandic phrases. Both year groups have now begun their Narnia unit with research and investigation into World War II – focussing on the causes of the war, The Blitz and the evacuation of children to the countryside. Year 6 have also begun preparations for their trip to France next week by producing common phase cards in French with Madame Byers. There will be Twitter feeds updating the fun and excitement so do keep an eye out for the tweets!



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

As you will be aware Pret-a-Portrait are due to visit us on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual photographs and with siblings. If you have siblings that do not attend St Bartholomew's and you wish for them to participate in a family photo, then please contact the school office to make a booking. An extra session will be run for this after school from 3.10-4.20pm, but there are limited spaces so will be booked on a first come, first served basis.

## COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 5 made rationed food go further this week, weighing and measuring using pounds and ounces, to link with their WW2 history topic.



## EARLY YEARS CLASS PHOTOS

As you will be aware, Early Years class photos were taken at the beginning of term, we have been advised as to the 'proposed' publishing dates as follows;

**Surrey Advertiser – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Haslemere Herald – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Due to Mr Avenell accompanying our Year 6 children on their residential to France next week, please note there will be **NO FOOTBALL CLUB ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**. For those of you that may not have signed up for clubs as yet, there are still some limited spaces available for most of the clubs on offer this term. Please contact the school office for more information.

## 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. 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.

**For parents of children in Early Years, once all the children are in and added to our system, details will be sent to you regarding our online system for trips, lunches and parents evenings.**

Yours faithfully,

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