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Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you managed to enjoy the summer break, either at home or on holiday, further afield. I've already enjoyed spending time with the children in their classrooms and on the playground; they have certainly come back rested and full of enthusiasm for their new beginnings! As usual, I'm also really excited to be back at school and looking forward to the term ahead of us with all the new learning experiences it will bring. We have a new teacher, Miss Daniel, who will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Tanzania class (Year 1) and we welcome new children to our school in Early Years and various other year groups too.

This term, I will be supporting another Church of England primary school as an Executive Head Teacher for one day a week. During this time, Mr Avenell will be the Acting Head Teacher for St Bart's to cover my absence. This will mainly be on Thursdays but might occasionally be a different day if required.

I hope you all managed to come into school this afternoon and visit your child in their new classroom; it never ceases to amaze me when I see just how much productivity there is during our first week back as we immerse ourselves in learning about our new class countries.

Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that the school gates open at 8.30am and the children will be collected from the playground by their teachers at 8.45am. I would like to ask you to make every effort to ensure your child arrives for school in good time each day because it is worth considering that a child who is only five minutes late on a daily basis will miss twenty-five minutes of education a week – this soon adds up!

I wish you all a very restful weekend and a happy term ahead.

WILDLIFE GARDEN

I would like to say a huge thank you to Kate Russell and the team of parents who volunteered their time over the summer holidays to improve our wildlife garden. They have worked tirelessly to give the area a thorough clear up. They have removed trees and you can now visibly see the original paths. The children and their teachers will be delighted with the results and look forward to exploring the area once again!

SQUISH BIKES COMMERCIAL

As you may be aware, we were fortunate enough to have four of our pupils take part in a recent brand commercial shoot for 'Squish Bikes'. As a thank you for us taking part they have offered St Bartholomew's pupils the chance to buy a new premium, lightweight Squish bike directly from Tandem Group Cycles at a special discounted rate! Please look out for a further email with details.



REVISED MEDICATION IN SCHOOL POLICY

A letter is attached for all parents detailing the revised 'Medication in School Policy'. Please familiarise yourself with the content. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are finalising which After School Clubs we will be offering this term and a timetable and application forms will be emailed next week. The majority of Clubs will start week beginning the 25th September.

STAFF VACANCIES IN SURREY COMMERCIAL SERVICES – TERM TIME ONLY

We are recruiting enthusiastic catering professionals with a flair for cooking using fresh quality ingredients. We are recruiting for the following positions;

Caterer – 25 hours, £8.77 per hour, 8.30am-1.30pm

Cook – 20 hours, £8.41 per hour, 9.30am-1.30pm

Please call 07773 535506, or apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs and search in the jobs category 'catering'.

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

Following on from the meal options trial at the end of the summer term, this will continue from Monday 11th September.

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. If you have not chosen one of the options, your child will receive the main option meal. Details of how to book are attached as a reminder.

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,

C. D. Beckerson

Charles Beckerson
HEADTEACHER