



Friday 23rd February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since our last newsletter, we had parents' consultation evening, which was very well attended. It was great to see so many of you there. It was great to see our netball teams do so well this week and we look forward to hearing about how our other sports teams do in their upcoming fixtures and tournaments. Yesterday's Bedtime Reading Evening was a great success and I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Curry for organising this but also to all the parents who came in to support the event. I am very grateful to all our staff for giving up their own evenings for such a worthy cause (encouraging a love of reading). It was lovely to see the school community working together.

EYFS

The Early Years children have been fascinated by this week's topic of Chinese New Year. Investigating and exploring Chinese artefacts has enabled them to ask questions and talk to other children in depth, helping to improve their communication and language skills. Their fine motor skills have been developed well this week, as we have specifically designed activities to support this, including using chopsticks, threading, making fans and cutting. Next week will be an emphasis on World Book Day (Thursday), and our learning is going to be based around poetry about transport. We are looking to all sorts of reading-inspired activities and are looking forward to seeing them dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday.



KS1

Thank you to all those who encouraged their children to come to the Bedtime Stories evening - we have had lots of positive feedback from the children. The topic of Famous People has started with the children learning about the poet Michael Rosen. They have particularly enjoyed listening to his poem 'Chocolate Cake', enjoying the humour and sense of anticipation it creates. Next week's famous person will be Allan Ahlberg, and as part of the World Book Day focus next week, we will be analysing and learning to recite his well-known poem Please Mrs Butler. Maths has been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and the beginnings of multiplication, which we will be continuing with next week. Year 2 have been learning about fractions of shape and next week will be applying this knowledge to fractions of numbers. Please could you ask your child about halves, quarters and thirds to support their learning. In English, poetry is a main theme in which we are performing nonsense poems as well as exploring poetry about the senses. In RE we have been looking at whether the world is a fair place. Next week the children will be immersed in all sorts of exciting activities for World Book Day and we are sure they are going to have lots of fun!



LKS2

In LKS2, year 3 have finished writing their fairy tales and are bringing them home this weekend to publish them. Year 4 have published their fairy tales in pop-up books which they created themselves. They thoroughly enjoyed showing them to and reading them to Early Years this week and it was lovely to see the children sharing the reading experience together. In maths, year 3 are learning analogue time. Please keep asking your children to read time on analogue clocks. In year 4, we are learning about fractions. Practising times tables with your children, including the division facts, will really help support your children in finding fractions of amounts. In computing, year 3 are learning about different methods of communication including email whilst year 4 are using Scratch 2 software which is used for programming. A quick reminder – on Tuesday next week, year 4 will be visiting the North West Surrey Synagogue in Weybridge. This entails an early start with the coach leaving at 8:20am so please ensure you get to school by 8:10am. Also, boys must have a hat in order to cover their heads in the synagogue.

UKS2

Years 5 and 6 have had a very productive time over the past two school weeks. Year 5 had a fantastic visit from Alison Wright who is a member of an organisation called Just Different. She talked with the children about the stereotypes and perceptions around disabilities in a very thought-provoking discussion. Year 6 meanwhile have left school and taken to the streets as part of their Bikeability course in which they have learnt about being safe when cycling. In English year 5 have explored emotions. As a writing prompt they have studied, discussed, acted-out and retold *The Piano* (a moving short animation by Antony Gibbons). This will lead onto an extended piece of writing over the next week. Year 6 have investigated a range of different poems including metaphorical poems, limericks, poems that use personification and cinquains. They have clearly enjoyed writing their own poetry based on these structures and by using different types of figurative language. Year 5 have also really enjoyed cooking with Mrs Duly. Italy cooked and tasted the delights of Italian cuisine and Germany class made a pork dish and German biscuits called *lebkuchen*. A note for Year 6 parents – if you managed to make the SATs meeting or not the presentation is up on the school website under documents. Please have a look to familiarise yourself with the SATs content and process.



NETBALL NEWS

On Monday 19th February St Bart's netball team played two matches at home against Grayswood. This involved all the netball club and everyone played at least half a game. There was a strong team spirit and there were lots of supporters. St Bart's were successful in winning both the year 5 and the year 6 matches, 10-5 and 10-8. Well done to the whole club! A great result!

The following day, a mixed year 5/6 team went to St Mary's in Chiddingfold to play another netball match. This was the first time we had played a mixed team across the two year groups. However

the St Mary's team had many new players and despite playing really well St Bart's had a resounding win of 17-1! Another huge well done to all who played.



WORLD THINKING DAY

Thursday 22nd February was World Thinking Day. This is the most important date in the Guiding and Scouting year as it is the Birthday of the Founder and his wife, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. The date very rarely falls on a school day (it is usually in half term) and some of our children showed their respect to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell by wearing their Uniform to school yesterday.



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

St Bart's celebrated Shrove Tuesday early at school with the annual assembly before Half Term. Four eager chefs competed to cook and flip their pancakes for the children. cookery club and DT Food & Nutrition lessons are delighted to benefit from fresh, local eggs supplied by the Wholey family. Year 4 cookery club celebrated Shrove Tuesday with lots of pancakes made extra fluffy with a new ingredient called kefir.



LOLLIPOP CROSSING

Please note that there will be no lollipop lady on **Tuesday 27th February, 3pm**. Please take care when crossing at High Lane.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Please see below the current requests from Haslemere Food Bank, along with thanks for the donations already received from St Bartholomew's. There is a collection box in the reception area if you wish to donate. They currently require (all non perishables please):-

Tinned spaghetti/pasta
Tinned potatoes
Tinned corn & carrots

Tinned custard
Drinking chocolate
Small packets of sugar

Shampoo
Soap
Toothpaste

No other items are required at present. Thank you for your continued support.

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 - £ 56.25
Second half term - £ 65.25
Total for Spring term - £121.50

Please ensure that you have made your payments for the spring term if you have not done so already.

The Surrey Commercial Services menu for this term is 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. A reminder that if your child is having a "one-off" meal, you should inform the school office by 9.30am in order for the correct numbers to be sent to the kitchen.

Yours faithfully,

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