



Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to enjoy some time in the snow with your children at the end of last week. It is never straightforward when it snows to decide if we should keep the school open or not. The main thing that guides the decision is whether we can get enough staff in to teach the children and ensure they are safe. Thank you for your support and understanding.

EYFS

Last week's topic of transport was a great hit with the children. They learnt to sort and classify vehicles, they made and labelled models and they had great fun in the car workshop role play. William's dad, Mr Higgins, came in with his van and the children were fascinated as he showed them the parts of a car and explained how they work. The children loved World Book Day, and lots of reading fun, as well as a special assembly by Mr Glover took place. This week we have been learning about families, as well as thinking about Mothering Sunday. The children have been keen to talk about love and support, and have made some super cards and gifts. Next week's topic will be sound and music. We are planning to make musical instruments so any spare containers, boxes, lentils, rice, elastic bands, bamboo, etc would be much appreciated.



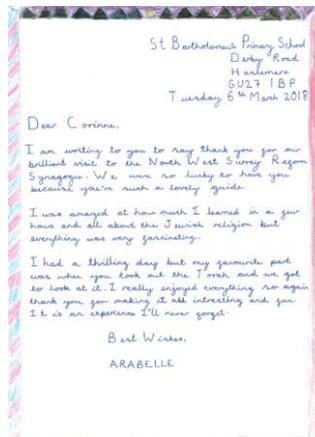
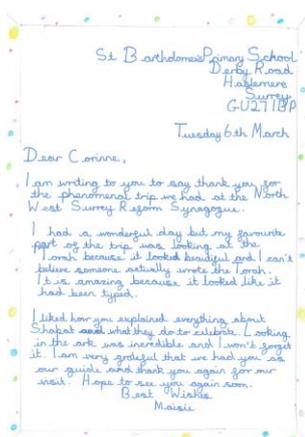
KS1

Year one enjoyed reading and writing poetry during Book Week, learning about rhythm and performance. They loved designing and getting involved in making their book corners for World Book Day and have had a great time sitting in the corners, sharing and reading books with each other. In maths they have been learning about fractions, namely halves and quarters, and they have been also tackling simple division through sharing. Next week they will be finding out about the life of Queen Elizabeth which will enable them to explore the structure of non chronological texts and lead to them designing and making their own fact files. Year two focussed on poetry during World Book Day and this week they have written their own poems for a special family member. They all took part in designing book corners and South Africa class were excited to win a prize for coming third. The children have been practising some 'Special Agent Training' which has been going very well. In RE the children have been exploring ways of being empathetic towards those who don't have as much as us. In maths they have been learning to find fractions of amounts. We have changed the way we organise guided reading, which has been very successful in improving the ability of the children to read aloud with intonation and expression. Next week in maths and English they will be revising addition and subtraction and writing letters home.



LKS2

Last week, year 4 visited the North West Surrey Reform Synagogue in Weybridge to learn first-hand about the Jewish faith. The children learned a range of facts about how Jewish people worship. Having learned how the Torah scrolls are produced using only natural materials and are written in hand by quill, the children showed both delight and respect when they saw the Torah scrolls for themselves. They also discovered that, if the scribe writing the Torah makes a single mistake, then the section of the Torah he is working on has to be destroyed. Back at school all the children have written wonderful letters of thanks to the Synagogue (see below). This week, both year 3 and year 4 have visited Kew Gardens to learn about rainforest plants as part of their topic on the environment. They visited the Palm House to see different species of tropical rainforest trees and plants and found out how they are useful to humans as food, medicine and shelter. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on both trips. In writing, both year groups have had a focus on poetry for World Book Day and are now writing recounts of their trip to Kew. In maths, both year groups are learning about fractions. You can help your children at home by talking about fractions when eating things such as pizza. Year 3 teachers would like to thank parents for their support in helping children to read time at half term. Please keep asking your children what the time is to maintain and extend their ability to read analogue time.



UKS2

The top of the school, UKS2 really enjoyed poetry week and in particular decorating their book corners to be judged by Mr Glover. As a phase we studied the narrative poem The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. We looked at what a narrative poem is and how it is different from other forms of poetry, did some reading comprehension around the text, discussed the themes that came up in the poem and wrote our own endings to the poem and versions of the poem based on modern day job roles! In Science Year 5 have started their unit of work about forces and the different forces that we can find in nature from magnetism to gravity. In year 6 we have learnt how to classify animals and designed a layout for a zoo based on a classification system. In RE Y6 have learnt about issues of friendship and relationships and what the Bible says about these. Year 5 have begun to research into Islam. As part of their unit of work on the religion they have begun to formulate questions for our visitors from the Jamia Ahmadiyya Islamic Centre in Haslemere who are coming to the school next week to discuss Islam with the children.

COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 3 Cookery Club were thinking about Mothering Sunday this week as they made mini toad in the holes. Year 4 USA Class cooked American Sloppy Joes and Key Lime Pies this week in their DT Food & Nutrition Lesson.



ASSESSMENT WEEK

The week beginning 21st May will be an assessment week for year 1, 3, 4 and 5 where children will take part in a range of tasks and tests for maths, reading and grammar. This forms part of the teachers overall teacher assessment. This is not something that is new but, in response to parental requests, we have decided to let you know the week that this will take place in advance.

HOUSE ART

A big well done to our year 6 leadership team who organised a wonderful House live art competition for Key Stage 2 on Monday afternoon. It was well presented and organised by the pupils and we all had a lovely time. The art work was very impressive and ranged from pictures of theme parks to food and drink and a 3D model made from modelling clay based on the theme of nature.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

Mr Glover, our English leader organised a fantastic week of book related activities including; a World Book Day, house quiz, book corner competition, reading with other classes and fancy dress. Mr Glover's dinosaur costume was particularly impressive!



BACK PACK UPDATE

It has been brought to our attention that there is a fault with the zip on a few of the new back packs. Please be assured that we are working with the suppliers presently to rectify this and will keep you posted.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

It has been noticed that some parents/carers are parking directly outside the school gates on the 'zig-zags'. This area should be left clear at all times, including just 'dropping off' as children need to use this area to cross the road into school safely. There was an incident earlier this week where a parent was reversing towards a child that was trying to cross the road. **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PULLING OVER/PARKING DIRECTLY AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.**

OFFICE REQUESTS

A gentle reminder that the school office opening hours are **8.30am-4.00pm**. There is no access for parents through the school unless you have a prior appointment with a teacher, or are coming in to help. Please ensure that all belongings are named, so they can be returned to their rightful owner. Trips and lunch payments should where possible be made online and before the deadlines. Please remember we do have a post box at the front door of reception which is emptied twice daily, this can be used to hand anything in and save you waiting in a long queue at drop off and pick up times. If your child is being collected by someone other than yourself, please inform us (usually a note to the class teacher) or by email/phone by mid-day at the latest. Finally, wherever possible please refrain from booking dental/medical appointments during school time. By following these guides, it will enable the school office to deal with your requests more efficiently, keep the children safe and to help manage the heavy traffic we regularly experience in the reception area. Thank you for your support.

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

They would also be very grateful for donations of **carrier bags** to aid distribution. 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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