



Friday 23rd March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy, it is amazing how many learning experiences can be packed into just two weeks. Science Day was a particular highlight for the children and staff alike. I've also been impressed with the amount of children who are so keen to raise money for different charities, I am very proud of their efforts. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we all look forward to welcoming you back in the summer term.

### EYFS

The children have been fully immersed in Easter activities this week. They have enjoyed role-playing the story and their questions about Jesus, God and Christianity itself have been very thought-provoking. They have learned about new life, symbols of Easter and why we have Easter eggs. Many of them have loved the various craft activities on offer, and the children never fail to surprise us with their own variations and ideas. We have been talking about ordinal numbers in maths, and the children have been planning and creating their own easter egg rolling races to support their understanding. Next week, the Easter theme will continue with more craft, card making, Easter maths and egg hunts. We are looking forward to visiting the Church to explore activities at various Easter prayer stations created by Sandy. After Easter our topic will be The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We hope you and the children have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back in the summer term.

### KS1

Year 1 have been exploring money this week in maths. They have been identifying coins, adding and subtracting amounts and role-playing shops. In English the children have been learning to use verbs accurately in their speaking and written work and have now started instructional writing. They have been learning all about the Easter story, acting it out in the prayer garden and discussing the emotions it provoked, and are looking forward to next week's Easter focus with religious education and practical craft activities as a focus. After Easter the topic will be 'plants'. We are very proud of our Year 2 pupils with their highly successful sponsored run. The children decided amongst themselves to raise money for UNICEF, and at such a young age we were impressed with the way they were able to empathise with children in need around the world. We were particularly impressed with James Campbell in South Africa class who managed to run four and a half kilometres! The maths topic has been learning to divide numbers and the children have learnt the language of division, and in English they have been exploring the characters from A Midsummer Night's Dream. We are very much looking forward to a Shakespeare workshop next week to bring their learning to life.



## LKS2

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the whole of St Bart's, from Early Years to Year 6, took part in a special Science Day as part of British Science Week, with the theme based around exploration and discovery. The children carried out a range of different investigations, which included learning about surface tension and how it enables a pond skater to walk on water, making beautiful art whilst discovering about chromatography, exploring different types of electrical circuits using conductive and insulating play dough and investigating forces with balloon rockets (KS1) or through the 'Lincoln High Dive' investigation (KS2). The children had the chance to work with a range of different teachers as they moved between activities, and both the teachers and the children had the opportunity to meet new faces and catch up with old ones.



In LKS2, both year groups have been learning about the layout of a newspaper and how a news report is structured. Year 3 have written a news report based on the video story of the 'Windmill Farmer' whilst year 4 have written articles on the theme of coastal erosion. Both year groups have been using the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker to think about and discuss the impact people have on the environment.



The children in year 3 have written diaries and letters based on the book whilst the children in year 4 will be comparing and contrasting the changing scene out of the window and considering how the environment has been affected. In science, year 3 have started a unit on forces whilst year 4 have started to learn about electricity. In art, year 3 have created water colours based on photos taken on our trip to Kew Gardens. Year 4 have looked at the art of Henri Rousseau and then experimented with shades of green to paint different rainforest leaves, also based on photos from Kew.

## UKS2

It's been a very scientific fortnight at the top of the school. Years 5 and 6 really enjoyed the science day that we had as part of British Science Week. We learnt all about electrons, conductors, insulators and series & parallel circuits in our activity involving squishy circuits; we also investigated forces of push and pull in our Lincoln High Dive experiment; and we even learnt how to make the best bubbles and how not to pop them even when an object is inserted into them! The science didn't end with science day – Y5 children designed and made their own parachute that had enough air-resistance to stop a falling egg from cracking and Y6 created their own creatures based on the laws of adaptation and evolution. Year 6 also conducted an experiment to test how much bacteria we are carrying – it involved making bread go mouldy...! Away from the science Year 6 have been busy revising for our SATs, looking at the strategies and techniques that will help us achieve the best possible in May. Year 5 have been using decimals within measurements in maths and have continued work on writing persuasive leaflets in English. Year 5 also had a visit from Muslim students from the local Islamic centre in Haslemere, the children were able to ask them questions about their beliefs and lifestyles. Both year groups have also begun to study in increasing detail the significance and message behind the Easter story.



## COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 3 cookery club created St Patrick's Day soup and bread recently with many budding chefs of the future. Year 4 Chile class enjoyed creating Chilean Empanandas and Leche Asada to celebrate their class country. Also, a group of pupils made delicious soup to share with local parishioners at a Lent lunch this week.



## NETBALL NEWS – By Tamara Hendin, Year 6

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 6 netball team (Holly, Tamara, Libby, Carys, Ella, Laura and Lyla) took part in a very exciting netball tournament at Rodborough Secondary School. There were twelve teams split into two groups, which all played each other. We played five matches with all of our group. Starting off really well, we won our first two games 5-0 and 2-0. Then, we played a very equal match where we almost lost but just scraped through in our last minute by scoring a goal. We won our next match again.

This got us through to the semi finals, then we won the semi-finals and then got through to the finals.

The final was the only match we lost, taking second place (our best yet) for our latest competition as the St Bart's netball team. I had the privilege of being team captain.



## PARKING

A reminder that parents should not be parking in the school car park at any time unless by prior arrangement. Where possible, we would ask that parents car share/walk to and from school to ease congestion.

## THE MUSIC WORKS – MUSIC LESSONS



YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL

**The Music Works**  
we make musicians

Congratulations to all our students who have continued to make great progress on their instruments this term. It has been a privilege for us to help make them better musicians and we hope every student has had as much fun as we have! **Payment for lessons at school next term is to be made by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.** Look out for an email from us confirming payment details or simply give us a call on 01483 516060. Should you no longer wish to continue with lessons at school please let us know before this date to enable us to offer places to other children on our waiting lists.

## 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 custard	Shampoo
Tinned potatoes	Drinking chocolate	Soap
Tinned corn & carrots	Small packets of sugar	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 the summer term is attached for you to look at with your child.** This will come into effect from 16<sup>th</sup> April. 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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