



Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



The Summer Term has got off to a flying start! We've had hot summer's days and really cold rainy ones! The children bounced back into school after the Easter break, energised, happy and ready to work hard again! Last Sunday, I attended a church service at St. Christopher's with Mrs Sadler, our Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War. The service was a dedication and blessing of the newly restored flag pole, cross and 12000 poppies which are cascading down from the top of the church tower. Our children made 1600 of the 12000 poppies. They look wonderful and I encourage you to visit and see them for yourselves.

EYFS

The children in early years have been busy learning all about St George this week. They have especially loved re-enacting the story of when he fought the dragon and rescued the princess! They have made castles, flags, dragons and re-written the story. Last week our topic was the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. We talked about healthy eating, made our own books, ordered the days of the week and made caterpillar art. We are learning about lifecycles and we have our own class caterpillars and tadpoles to observe. Next week our topic will be minibeasts.



KS1

Year 1 has been using the story 'Pumpkin Soup' as a focus for English this week. They have looked closely at how making one adaptation can change the rest of the story. In maths they have been consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 100. The science focus has been germination and the children have designed their own seed packets with instructions on the back. They have made a comic strip of the story of St George. Next week the growing theme will continue and the children will be inventing their own stories.



Year 2 children have been planting bulbs and seeds this week as part of their growing plants topic. They are underway in making changes to the story Saving Sinbad and next week will be writing their own versions. In maths they have been working hard to learn to tell the time (quarter past, quarter to and half past). They have all managed to understand the concept but we would appreciate your help in continuing to practise this with them at home. In RE they have been learning about what is important to Muslim children and will continue learning about Islam next week. Also next week the children will be experimenting with cress to discover what conditions plants need to grow healthy.

LKS2

We have been very busy in LKS2 since returning from the Easter holidays. We have started our topic on the Ancient Greeks and the children are beginning to know where ancient Greece is in the timeline of history, identify where Greece is in the world and know some of the main events that happened during this period. In English, year 3 have been focussing their reading and writing on the 'Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman and the children are really enjoying the story. Year 4 have been learning about the twelve labours of Heracles (Roman Hercules) in preparation for writing a 13th labour in which Heracles will encounter a creature that they have invented. They have plenty of ideas they can draw on after hearing the myths of the many-headed Hydra and the vicious Mares of King Diomedes, among other creatures. Sharing any Greek myths you know or reading them with your children would be a great way to support their learning in this topic. In science, year 3 are coming to the end of a unit of work on magnets and springs and will soon be learning about light and shadows. Year 4 have continued learning about electricity. They have made electric circuits to light a light bulb and looked a range of circuits to decide if they are complete or incomplete, before explaining why. In maths, Year 3 have been learning how to use the 24 hour clock and this week have focussed on fractions. Year 4 have been increasing their knowledge of geometry, learning about the different types of triangles, quadrilaterals and angles.

UKS2

The children have started their exciting new topic about Spies and Detectives. This Monday saw the children solve the heinous crime of fish-nabbing in which the year 6 fish and frog were cruelly stolen! Fortunately the criminal behind the theft was foolish enough to leave finger prints on the £500 ransom note, as well as DNA evidence and footprints leaving the scene. Throughout the day children, many dressed in excellent detective attire, investigated the evidence: the footprints, the DNA, fingerprints and the Victorian 'science' of craniology which involved some rather disturbing brains made by Dr Glover. Linked to this unit children have begun to be Geography detectives by investigating the local area and history detectives by analysing how we can find out about the past and historical people through artefacts that are left behind. In RE Year 5 are studying different creeds and what unites us and in Y6 we have been studying Buddhism including the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path to happiness.



MUSIC NEWS!

Many of you will know that Mr Beckerson sings and play the guitar in a band. The Charles Beckerson Band will be playing alongside The Genuine Counterfeits at a gigon 12th May at Grayshott Village Hall to raise money for our school and some of the other local schools. We would absolutely love to see you there. Tickets will cost £10.00 on the door but can be ordered in advance by sending an email to thegenuinecounterfeits@sky.com Mr Beckerson's band will also be backing the St Bart's school choir when they perform on the main stage at this year's Fringe Festival on Saturday 7th July. Also performing on the main stage that day will be the famous band 'Scouting for Girls'. Tickets can be purchased at www.lionfest.co.uk and are already selling very quickly! The school choir has also been invited to perform this Sunday at the Mayor's civic ceremony which is an honour for the children and we are very pleased with their growing success.

COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Brazil class celebrated the Rio de Janeiro Carnival with delicious Pao de Queijo Balls and colourful exotic fruit kebabs.



SCHOOL DROP OFF

Please may we remind parents that our gates open at **8.30am** and children should not arrive before this time. There are no staff present until the gate is open, so therefore the children remain the responsibility of the parents until that time.

JOB VACANCY

We are currently recruiting for a full time Learning Support Assistant. Details of the job are attached and can also be found on Eteach (this can be accessed via our website – About Us – Vacancies).



SCHOOL COUNCIL & POB'S NEWS - HELP ST BART'S BUILD AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Exciting news! In May, St Bart's has been chosen to be one of the Waitrose Community Matters Scheme Charities. In May we would like you to go to Waitrose to buy all your food. Collect as many green tokens as you can and plop them into the St Bart's box in the shop. At the end of May, the shop will count up all the tokens. More tokens means more money so we hope St Bart's gets the most. Keep shopping!

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
Couscous or Noodles

Packets of Soup
Drinking chocolate
Small packets of sugar

Tinned Custard
Oats
Puddings

Instant Coffee
LMG-Life Milk

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	SUMMER TERM first half term	£ 65.25
Second half term -	£ 65.25	SUMMER TERM second half term	£ 78.75
Total for Spring term -	£121.50	SUMMER TERM TOTAL	£144.00

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 16th 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SURREY COMMERCIAL SERVICES WILL BE INCREASING THE COST OF A SCHOOL LUNCH TO £2.30 PER DAY (£11.50 PER WEEK) WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER.

Yours faithfully,

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