



Friday 11th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all been enjoying the fantastic run of warm weather we've been having lately. The children have played nicely together on our school field at lunchtimes and it has been a pleasure to see so many varied games and activities such as cricket with Mr Moore, football, hula-hooping, javelin throwing and in some cases, just chilling in small groups, on the grass in the sunshine. I hope some of you will make it to the band night tomorrow evening at Grayshott Village Hall. My Band will go on stage at 7.45pm and the funds raised from the evening will be split between St Bartholomew's, Shottermill Junior, Witley Infants and Grayswood Junior.

EYFS

The children in Early Years have thoroughly enjoyed their topic of animals this week, with the highlights definitely being visits from various pets! We have met two teachers' dogs, Emily's rabbit, Evie's chicken and Morty's armadillo! The class caterpillars have now turned into chrysalides, which has caused lots of awe and wonder amongst the children. The story of Dear Zoo has inspired the children to make books with lift-up flaps and we have been pleased with the progress in writing all children are making so far this term. Next week we will be celebrating the royal wedding with our very own wedding topic. We are planning to hold our own mock wedding so if anyone has a boy's suit we can borrow we would be very grateful.



KS1

Year one have fully immersed themselves in writing instructions this week. Through the story of Pumpkin Soup they have been learning imperative (bossy) verbs and have followed and written instructions themselves. They loved following these instructions today by making their own soup (sadly, pumpkins are not in season so it was delicious butternut squash soup instead!) In maths they have been adding one and two digit numbers and practising number bonds to 10 and 20. Please could you reinforce this at home by practising all the ways to make 20 eg $16+4$. In RE the children have been exploring Judaism by learning about Hanukkah and synagogues. Year two have been exploring the life cycle of plants this week with plenty of practical work involving planting seeds and bulbs and designing their own plant experiments. In RE they have been learning the different names for Allah. Maths has been a focus on the four calculation operations and next week they will be exploring maths word problems. This is what the children have for homework, but we would appreciate it if you could continue to give them verbal word problems in your spare time. We are very proud of the children with their 'Special Agent Training' at the moment, and they have been working very hard so please find time to have fun and enjoy the sunshine this weekend. A special mention for Ellie Bray in South Africa class who is the first Key Stage one pupil to gain a pen licence for excellent handwriting!



LKS2

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our open afternoon last week to join with their children in celebrating their work. After a lovely long weekend break in the sun the children have continued to work hard this week. In English, Year 3 have planned their play scripts based on 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and have started writing them. Year 4 have written endings for the 13th labour of Heracles and will be publishing their stories before moving on to write shape poems about the Cretan Minotaur. In maths, year 3 are finding fractions of amounts whilst year 4 have been plotting coordinates and translating shapes on a grid. Learning to read time is important for both year groups and you can really support your children in their learning by practising both analogue and digital time at home. In science, year 3 have carried out an investigation into how reflective different materials are in a unit about light. Year 4 have completed a unit on electricity this week and will start a new unit on the three states of matter next week. On Thursday and Friday this week, year 4 completed level 1 of the Surrey Bikeability course which teaches them how to ride a bike in a controlled manner, helping to keep them safe on the roads.

UKS2

The children have really been getting into their Spies and Detectives unit over the past two weeks. Year 5 have been writing about the Marwell Manor Mystery and are trying to come up with theories about who committed the murder. Similarly in Year 6 the children have investigated a real unsolved historical mystery – The Murder at Kirk O'Field involving the death of Lord Darnley, the second husband of Mary, Queen of Scots. From investigating and debating the evidence, including letters between Mary and Queen Elizabeth I we came to the conclusion that the Scottish Queen was indeed guilty of the murder. Sorry Mary! Year 5 children really enjoyed their trip to Winchester Science Centre – there were lots of hands-on activities and a workshop on Rockets and Forces where the children made a rocket and used water pressure to fit into the sky. Year 6 have continued their investigations into evolution, finding out about inheritance and adaptation. Year 6 are now coming to the end of their SATS revision and are now feeling justifiably confident about sitting their tests next week. We wish them the best of luck!



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Peru class had a very exciting time creating a Peruvian Feast recently using physalis that grow in Peru.



OVER 60 PUPILS BECOME BECOME PUBLISHED WRITERS

This week, Mr Glover has published 'Stories and Poems by Kids' - a book which was 4 months in the making that features stories, poems and art by our pupils from years 1-6. The book is available on amazon.co.uk in paperback for £4.99. To find the book simply search Toby Glover on amazon.co.uk and click on the paperback version. All profits made from the book will go to support WWF UK and a payment will be made to the charity at the end of every month, whilst the book is available. Mr Glover has also just published his own new book 'The Worst Class in History' which is also available on amazon.



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YEAR 6 SATs BREAKFAST

As our Year 6 children head into SATs week, we will be providing the whole year group with the opportunity to come into school from 8.00am and enjoy a happy, relaxed breakfast together each day next week before their tests. This does not include Friday 18th May as the tests will be completed by then.



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

A reminder that throughout 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!

RUCK SACKS

The new St Bart's rucksack is now available to purchase for children in years 3-6. This is priced at £10.75 and available from the school office.

YEAR 2 UNICEF RUN

A big well done to all the parents and children in year 2 for helping to raise just under £2,000 for UNICEF from their sponsored run. We are so proud of all your efforts and for helping to raise awareness that no matter what your age you can make a difference to others.

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	Packets of Soup	Tinned Custard	Instant Coffee
Tinned potatoes	Drinking chocolate	Oats	LMG-Life Milk
Couscous or Noodles	Small packets of sugar	Puddings	

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,

C. D. Beckerson

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