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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, my band and another local band – The Genuine Couterfeits – played a gig at the Grayshott Village Hall to raise money for our school along with Witley, Shottermill Junior and Grayswood schools. I am pleased to say the event was a great success and we raised £1365 which will be shared equally between the four schools. Huge thanks to all those who came along and supported the event. Hope you all have a wonderful half term break.



## SAFEGUARDING

It is absolutely critical that all parents and carers sign in when they visit the school and wear a visitors lanyard before attempting to gain access to any part of the building beyond the reception area. The safety of your children is paramount and we respectfully ask you to support our systems for safeguarding at all times.

## GDPR

Please see a separate letter and policy which we have sent you today with information about our compliance with the new European law – The General Data Protection Regulation. Privacy notices and additional policies will be made available after half-term.

## UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

It is very disappointing to report a rise in the level of unauthorised absences recently, especially during our assessment week which was published to parents and carers in advance.

The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount.

The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996.

Circumstances when a Penalty Notices may be issued:

Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.

The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, state that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Head teacher is required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

Where a child is taken out of school for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the head teacher, **each parent** is liable to receive a penalty notice for **each child** who is absent. In these circumstances, a warning will not be given where it can be shown that parents had previously been warned that such absences would not be authorised and that they will be liable to receive a Penalty Notice if the leave of absence is taken.

The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions during the preceding 6 school weeks. The parents' failure to engage with supportive measures proposed by the school or Education Welfare will be a factor when considering the issue of a Penalty Notice. Unauthorised absence will include late arrival after the close of registration without good reason.

**With the exception of unauthorised leave of absence taken in term time, parents will be sent a formal warning of their liability to receive such a notice before it is issued.**

## EYFS

The children have had a very entertaining week with our circus topic. We have been particularly focussing on their physical development through balancing, gymnastics, juggling and dancing. Eliza's dad brought in a real tightrope and the children had lots of fun trying to conquer it! They have also been making circus posters, tickets and pictures which they have enjoyed putting up in the school. They have been practising circus tricks with spinning plates and cups and balls, and many have made their own. After half term our topic will be 'camping'. If you have any resources we could use we would be very grateful, and equally any photos of camping holidays would be very useful for us to use.



## KS1

Both years one and two have been working extremely hard at all sorts of English and maths tasks for us to use in our assessments. The secret agent testing has now come to an end in year two and we would like to reiterate how very proud of the children we have been in their positive and hardworking attitudes. Year one pupils have also been monitoring the growth of cress to support their scientific and mathematical knowledge and skills. They have painted some beautiful pictures in the style of Monet and they have been mind-mapping their knowledge of castles ready for the new topic after half term. Year 2 have produced some wonderful collages this week, working together to produce intricate details. They have also been investigating edible plants, tasting sections and working out which part of the plant it comes from. In RE they have been learning about the life and beliefs of Muhammad pbh. We are looking forward to the first day back after half term when the children will be treated to a special castles fun day. We hope you have a lovely, relaxing half term holiday.



## LKS2

In LKS2, the children have been revising maths and grammar concepts taught across the year prior to showing what they have learned in formal assessments this week. Year 3 have also been retelling the story of Theseus and the Minotaur, some from the perspective of the Minotaur. They have been learning drawing techniques and practised by producing portraits of Megan and Harry to celebrate the royal wedding. In science, they have learned about light sources, reflective materials and how to stay safe in the sun. In year 4, the children have published their 13<sup>th</sup> labour of Heracles. Many are also beautifully illustrated and examples are on display in the classrooms for children to read.

In science, year 4 have started a unit on the three states of matter and they went outside to enact the different ways particles behave in solids, liquids and gases, a practical and engaging illustration of the concept. In DT, they have designed and made frames with axles and wheels on which they will put card models of the Trojan horse.



## UKS2

As always it's been a busy fortnight up in UKS2. In year 5 some children brought in personal items in an unmarked bag/box, which other children then used to be history detectives, applying their skills to work out who the items belonged to. They have done some portrait drawings linked with the Enigma Variations by Elgar, which is one of the Ten Pieces (a BBC classical music project that children in school are now following). Children have also drawn waterfalls using pastels. In science, we made a cloud using water vapour that condensed on cling film which had been cooled by ice cubes. Year 5 writing has also included writing stories based on international detective work. If that wasn't exciting enough some year 5 children have started a music project based on the Three Lions World Cup song. In year 6 the joy of the SATs has sadly ended – the children did themselves proud. Our focus has now shifted to several enterprises including an art one. Haslemere Train Station has chosen St Bartholomew's school to produce some artwork to brighten up the station using the theme of trains, Haslemere and surrounding areas such as the Devil's Punchbowl. Keep an eye out for the pictures soon. The children also really enjoyed being investigative scientists at INTECH in Winchester and learnt how to programme robots – using and applying team skills and maths knowledge to do so.



## COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Kenya Class had a wonderful morning chopping a rainbow of vegetables to make their healthy soup and then rolled cheesy crowns to celebrate the Royal Wedding.



South Africa Class created a salad of all the flag colours and a delicious Mavla Pudding to learn about the ingredients of their class country. Mrs Mason prepared the pineapple beautifully.

## SECONDARY/PRIMARY SCHOOL PICK UPS

We have noticed an increase in children being collected late on a regular basis due to parents collecting older siblings from Secondary School first. We respectfully ask that you collect your younger child from St Bartholomew's School on time and then go on to collect your older children. Koosa Club is available for regular after school child care bookings for those wishing to take advantage of this service. Please contact Koosa directly to check availability and costings.

## GODALMING COLLEGE MONDAY CLUBS

Apologies but Godalming College Rounders Club and Godalming College Fun Games Club will not be running on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. All other after school clubs will be going ahead as scheduled

## GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE 2018

We are taking part in the Golden Boot Challenge, the biggest school travel competition in the country! The annual Golden Boot Challenge is designed to encourage children, parents and schools to choose sustainable alternatives to the car on school journeys. This year, the Challenge will run from the 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June. The results will be recorded online. Please visit [www.surreyhealthyschools.co.uk](http://www.surreyhealthyschools.co.uk) to find out more.



## POTHOLES

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May (Half term) members of St Bart's Church have organised for the potholes in Derby Road to be repaired. This may cause some disruption while the work is being done.

## WATCHES

At St Bart's, we are very keen to encourage children to wear a watch to school as it helps children learn to tell the time as well as becoming responsible for their own belongings. We are happy for children to wear analogue or digital (including Fitbit watches) as either type can foster a better understanding of time. Of course, it is up to parents/carers to decide when children are ready and which type of watch they should have.



## 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!

## 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.**

## SUMMER MENU – KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3-6)

Surrey Commercial Services are working hard to offer more choice to the children at lunchtimes. From 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the catering staff will be trialling a packed lunch option for key stage 2 children at lunchtimes instead of jacket potatoes. Please book your child's meal in the usual way by logging onto your Scopay account, and choose the O option. If you have a child in Early Years, year 1 or year 2, they will still be able to have the jacket potato option. If the trial is successful, the catering staff will look at opening it up to the rest of the school. Lunches for the final half term are £78.75 and this should be paid as soon as possible, along with any outstanding payments.

**The Surrey Commercial Services menu for the summer term is attached for you to look at with your child.**

**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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HEADTEACHER