



Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Life at St Bart's is buzzing with excellence and enjoyment. Everywhere I go I am seeing children immersed in the joy of learning. I've seen children in red and blue base learning to read and role playing being teachers, children in Years 1 and 2 talking excitedly about different species of birds, children in Year 3 have impressed me with their scientific knowledge about different types of skeletons, Year 4 were immersed in challenging mathematical problem solving when I visited them on Wednesday. In year 5 I've seen some impressive comprehension work about Komodo dragons and maths work on negative numbers. Meanwhile, Year 6 are having a wonderful time in France where they have been shopping at a market, using their well learned French phrases. I'd also like to say how impressed I have been with the Year 6 children who didn't go to France – they have been working hard and really looking after the younger children. We have elected a dynamic new Year 6 leadership team following some entertaining and engaging speeches last week. I am looking forward to working with them over the coming year.

Head Boy - Ollie R, **Head Girl** - Frankie T, **Deputy Head Boy** - Sam H, **Deputy Head Girl** - Maya L

House Captains: **Canterbury** - Xabi H & Lacey H, **Durham** - Joshua H & Emma M, **Winchester** - Bertie R & Maggie W, **York** - William C & Alice C

EYFS

The children have been very busy this week learning all about themselves in our All About Me topic. They have drawn, painted and collaged some super self portraits, as well as drawn and discussed their families, carried out data collection on favourite colours and their eye colour and played in the home role play areas. It has been a real joy to see the children behaving so confidently and independently, and it was lovely to see them playing schools together; making their own timetables, registers and work! Yesterday they spent the afternoon pond dipping and making dens in the wildlife garden. Next week the topic will be 'Builders'. We will be encouraging them to design and build structures, measure and estimate, make notes and signs and solve problems. If anyone has any diggers, hard hats, tools or anything else we could borrow we would be very grateful.



KS1

Today's trip to Birdworld has been eagerly anticipated by the children and adults in years one and two, and this week has mainly been preparation for the big event. Year one have written and discussed what birds eat. They have been describing bluetits, toucans and pelicans and making information leaflets to support their learning. In maths they have been learning one more and one less and in art they made some super origami birds which are flying from the classroom ceilings. Next week the story of Owl Babies will form the basis of their English work, in which they will be making story maps and sequencing sentences. RE will be about God as the Shepherd, and



they will be discussing the story of the Lost Sheep. Year two have produced some wonderful artwork in response to the Firebird music by Stravinsky. Maths has been 'part, part, whole' partitioning, and next week the children will be tackling addition and subtraction in depth. In English the focus will be on recounts, in which we will be encouraging precise sentence construction and use of interesting words for effect. Next week the children will be making their cauliflower cards and Egypt class will be leading Wednesday's worship about forgiveness.

LKS2

Year 3 and 4 have had a great start to their topic on Ancient Egypt last week. Both classes held an 'Ancient Egypt Day', run by Sue from 'History Off the Page', where everyone dressed as Ancient Egyptians. The children then took part in a range of hands-on activities associated with daily life in Ancient Egypt which included: making carvings out of soap, making bread, making ink and writing on papyrus, squeezing oil from olives and using it to light lamps and making canopic jars out of clay. The children could choose what they would like to do and were encouraged to put in their best effort in an attempt to please the god, Aten, the Pharaoh and his queen, Nefertiti. In the afternoon, a banquet was held where the Pharaoh, his queen and his people were treated to a feast and were entertained by dancing and acting. Many thanks to all the parents and other adults who volunteered and helped out on the two days.

In English, year 3 have been learning to punctuate speech using inverted commas whilst year 4 have been learning to use the full range of speech punctuation, as well as learning the grammatical rules associated with it. In maths, year 3 have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10 and 100. It would be great if you could practise adding single digit numbers with your children at home to support their adding and subtracting skills – eg $7 + 6$. Year 4 have been learning about negative numbers and the real life contexts in which they are found. In science, year 3 have started a unit on animals (including humans) by looking at skeletons and nutrition. Year 4 have been learning about classification keys and this week started the process of mummifying tomatoes.



UKS2

Having finished their grammar work on subordinate clauses, Year 5 have started immersing themselves in the magical stories of The Arabian Nights; these are the stories that were told by Scheherazade to the sultan for 1001 nights. In RE, the children are learning about Islam and have started to understand the importance of The Five Pillars. Our science focus at present is the life cycle of plants and this week we have been investigating the diverse ways in which flowering plants disperse their seeds. Germany class pretended to be squirrels burying nuts in order to learn the part they play in seed dispersal! Meanwhile Year 6 have had an amazing time on their residential in France!



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 5 have recently created fragrant Persian recipes as part of their Arabian Nights history topic with time to research ingredients while their tagine bubbled.



MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 'MUSIC WORKS' AT ST BART'S

All of our drum students have been making really good progress, but in particular would like to mention some of our students who are all sitting their Grade 1 exam. These students have gone from absolute beginners to Grade 1 within a year, which is virtually unheard of and I believe that these children are the first to achieve this within our Music for Schools program. Yamaha guidelines suggest that students should sit their Grade 1 after 1 year, having a 1 hour lesson per week – for your students to sit their Grade 1 after 30 weeks of 20 minute lessons is remarkable! To help celebrate this amazing achievement, Music Works have kindly donated a Hi Hat Cymbal and Stand for the school drum kit as a “well done” to everyone for this year.

OUTSTANDING LIBRARY BOOKS

Unfortunately, at the start of this new school year, there were 49 loaned library books that weren't returned to the school and we have tried our hardest to chase them. However, due to some parents believing they have returned their books, we have decided, as a goodwill gesture, to waive all the outstanding fees. As of next week, **ALL pupils** will be able to take out library books and start this school year with a clean slate. In the meantime, we will continue to check classrooms and library shelves to locate the remaining few. Please can I also ask you to do one final book check at home to make sure we've truly covered all options. **To avoid this loss of books again in the future and encourage children to look after and return books, steps have been put in place to now chase all outstanding loans at the end of each term. Any lost books will incur a charge, £5 for paperback and £10 for hardback, a fee that must be paid to the School Office before the child is able to take out further books.** This way, it means issues get addressed sooner and the school library shelves remain plentiful. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

We have had a very successful first week of Clubs, with lots of children taking part and the Sports Clubs in particular making the most of the good weather. There are still a few spaces available in some of the Clubs. Please Contact the School Office to check availability.

SCHOOL OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER – 01428 643634

We would appreciate that you check that the correct office phone number is programmed into your phones as a resident in Haslemere is receiving a high level of calls in error.

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/Ravioli	Tinned Stew	Jam & Marmalade	Soap
Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Fruit	Toilet Rolls	Toothpaste
Tinned Tomatoes	Small Packs of Sugar	Shampoo	

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 cost £2.30 per day, or £11.50 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 - £73.60

Second half term - £87.40

Total for Autumn Term - £161.00

Yours faithfully,

C. D. Beckerson

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HEADTEACHER