



Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening before we broke up – I hope you then managed to have a lovely break with your families. This week has been very special as we have all been fully immersed in learning about World War I. Thank you for your support with this topic and I would like to say a particular thank you to Ms Gillert for leading a wonderful history week.

### EYFS

This week the children have been introduced to the concept of the past through our whole-school topic of History. They have been fascinated by learning about World War 1, and we have been truly impressed with their empathy and understanding for the children and families affected. We taught them about the Christmas Eve truce and were delighted to see them role playing outside in their home-made trenches, singing Silent Night to each other. They learnt how camouflage is important and enjoyed playing hide and seek in the wildlife garden. We have also been discussing 'peace' and how the dove is a symbol of this, as well as how poppies remind us of the brave soldiers. Next week is a festive week, as we will be celebrating Diwali and Guy Fawkes night. We are looking forward to all sorts of light and sound, bright colours, making cards and probably a fair amount of glitter!



### KS1

All Key Stage One classes have loved this History week and have been fully immersed in all sorts of cross-curricular activities. Year One children have been writing letters and postcards from the soldiers to home and vice versa. They have been looking closely at old photographs and drawing their own pictures in the same style using charcoal. In Design Technology they have been making and designing their own tanks and medals, and the maths focus has been 2D and 3D shape. Next week the 'Materials' topic will launch with the story of the Three Little Pigs. Year Two children have been really thinking deeply about how WW1 impacted on the lives of men, women and children. They role played the WW1 Christmas truce, have used pictures as primary resources to explore what life was like, studied and made timelines and carried out some code breaking in maths. They have produced some stunning artwork, including watercolour poppy scenes and soldier silhouettes. Next week they will continue with the WW1 theme and are planning to write letters, continue with addition and subtraction through word problems and inverse operations. We are looking forward to our morning of multi sports at the Edge.



## LKS2

Together with the rest of the school, LKS2 have been commemorating the end of WW1 this week and lessons across the curriculum have had the theme of WW1 running through them. Both years have been looking at soldiers' lives in the trenches. In year 3, English reading and writing has been based around a book by Michael Morpurgo, 'The Best Christmas Present in the World', which takes the form of a letter from a soldier, Jim, to his wife Connie about the Christmas truce of 1914. The children have then written letters in reply to Jim about what they have been up to back at home after researching the role of women in WW1. Year 4 have written descriptions of the conditions in the trenches and also poems about the sacrifice of men in the war after reading 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. After starting the week by cooking trench cakes as a treat for soldiers away in the trenches, Year 4 ended the week by wrapping these in brown paper tied with string and sending a cake to each class accompanied by a cheerful letter about what they were up to at home. Many thanks to all the people who volunteered and came in to help with this activity. In science, year 4 have been finding out about the pests that afflicted the soldiers, in particular body lice, and have used microscopes to look closely at examples of different animal lice. In maths, both year groups have had a focus on times tables. Year 3 are learning their 3, 4 and 8 whilst year 4 are learning their 6, 7 and 9 times tables. Please could you practise these times tables with your children at home to help them really commit them to their long term memories.



## UKS2

The children have thrown themselves back into their learning this half-term with work linked into our WW1 week. The historical costumes on Friday were fantastic and ended a really engaging week which included watching a fantastic play 'Lest We forget' in which we learnt a lot about the war. Canada class have baked a malt loaf similar to ones from WWI using the same ingredients that would have existed during rationing times. A range of art work has been in both year groups from charcoal prints of desolated war fields, to the poppy fields of peacetime and to cartoon drawings of WWI soldiers. Writing has been varied, with letters from the trenches portraying some of the horrors and language of the war and poetry inspired by poets at the time such as Wilfred Owen. In maths children have been investigating prime numbers and prime factors – linked to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the Armistice. We've also begun to learn the hymn I Vow To Me My Country and listened to WWI popular music. In sport year 5 and 6 recreated the Christmas truce by holding a mini cross-class football tournament on Friday afternoon. The scores are too fresh for this press release so do ask your child who won!



## COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Before half term Year 6 cookery club prepared many different healthy breakfast ideas recently and enjoyed using special Bantam eggs kindly donated by the Envis family. In this weeks cookery club, Year 6 created bubbling pumpkin pots of molten pasta this week. Year 3 baked some snappy crocodile biscuits from the Ancient Egyptian Nile to follow their Pearl Barley Risotto.



## HISTORY WEEK

This week has been a very special one at St Bart's because we have had a whole school history focus on WW1, which was one of the most significant events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. You have probably noticed the soldier silhouette that appeared in the pen at half term. The children have been learning about trench warfare and have been fascinated to hear about the rats, lice and afflictions eg. trench foot. We have listened to morale-boosting songs from the time, such as 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and 'It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary'. All the children have produced a piece of art work linked to the theme, be it poppies or sketches of soldiers. On Thursday, the KS2 children enjoyed a performance by Mance Productions entitled, 'Lest We Forget'. The week culminated with a history dressing up day on Friday and UKS2 also re-enacted the football match that was allegedly played during The Christmas Truce. This week has also been a time of remembrance and we have been thinking about all those who sacrificed their lives for their country which will be a focus for the Remembrance service at church next Wednesday.



## SPORTY ST BART'S!

Before half term, eight children from Lower Key Stage 2 represented our school in a multisports event and demonstrated their skills of determination and teamwork. Our Year 6 boys and year 5/6 girls took part in a fiercely fought football tournament at Tillingbourne. Unfortunately the boys did not qualify for the semi finals. The girls however were overall winners and we presented them with their trophy in the KS2 assembly this week. On Wednesday this week, Year 3 and Year 5 were representing us in football at Tillingbourne. The year 5's played well and are determined to focus on their communication skills. Year 3 made it to the semi finals and unfortunately lost this game. All children played well.



## HASLEMERE CHRISTMAS CRACKER CONCERT

For many people the annual Christmas Cracker concert has been an integral part of the festive scene in Haslemere. Now in its nineteenth year, the event features seasonal carols, songs, comic verse and other fun activities, with lots of audience participation. Singers come from local choirs, churches and music societies who are **joined by children from St Bartholomew's School (Mrs Lynch's Haslemere Carol Concert Choir)**. Interspersed into the programme will be a selection of seasonal comic verse and readings and this year we have a barbers' shop quartet and a superb violin soloist. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. The event takes place at the **Haslemere Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm**. Tickets, costing £10 for adults or £5 for children under 12, are available from the hall box office (01428 642161) or online. The event is usually a sell-out so do get your tickets early and come along and enjoy the fun with all the family!

## 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 and Harvest Festival. There is a collection box in the reception area if you wish to donate. They currently require (all non perishables please):-

**Tinned Potatoes**  
**Tinned Rice Pudding**

**Instant Coffee**  
**Drinking Chocolate**

**Small Packets of Sugar**  
**Couscous**

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,

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