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Dear Parents and Carers,

Now we have reached the end of our first full week back at school, it is my pleasure to be able to write to you and let you know that, in many ways, school life has returned to the happy, exciting and vibrant way it was before the pandemic. This is not to say that we have stopped being careful – far from it – but with a renewed understanding of how to keep ourselves safe from infection, we have dived right back into BARTS family life; enjoying working together, attending whole school collective worship sessions and playing more freely at playtimes. The children and staff are clearly very happy and it is a joy to see. We have welcomed new children in classes across the school as well as in EYFS (Red and Blue Base) and they all seem to be settling in well.

At this time of year, we usually like to invite parents and carers into school to visit the classrooms, meet the teacher and find out about the work they have been doing about their class country. This year, we have decided to make short videos instead and you can find a link to each of them below;

United Kingdom Classes (Red & Blue Base): <https://youtu.be/gOQ4C0Et8iM>

Italy Class: <https://youtu.be/O9ZneXqkdCk>

Poland Class: <https://youtu.be/NBNVTmR18so>

Egypt Class: <https://youtu.be/H-HNP2bohdk>

Ghana Class: <https://youtu.be/OCyZfl-P5zA>

Mexico Class: <https://youtu.be/YKcyW-HYWxU>

USA Class: <https://youtu.be/HoISBWEy6Rk>

Ecuador Class: <https://youtu.be/U7Qe1bnVUWk>

Peru Class: https://youtu.be/DP_1PiAMRDE

Malaysia Class: <https://youtu.be/FE4Bt4a3vI4>

Sri Lanka Class: <https://youtu.be/f8Li5E-KMe4>

Australia Class: <https://youtu.be/CdI4R8RkFo4>

Palau Class: <https://youtu.be/NzvPkvicyC>

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

It has been wonderful to have the whole school back together for our Collective Worship sessions this term, bringing the BARTS family together again. We started this week with our value 'Believe' with a focus on Forgiveness and beginning again. We revisited the story of the Prodigal Son with Mr Beckerson at the start of the week, with some of the teachers using their acting skills to bring the story to life! We then looked at how forgiving others is so important as it allows us to move on and start afresh. Next week we continue with our value 'Believe' and Forgiveness by looking at how we put the past behind us.

Our Vision

Inspired by Jesus' promise in the Bible (John 10:10) "that they shall have life; life in all its fullness", we provide a caring learning community to enable everyone to live happy, fulfilling lives and make positive contributions to our world. Our vision for St Bart's is to be an excellent school where outstanding practice, personalised learning, social development and spiritual growth are nurtured through a rich and dynamic curriculum which inspires every child to achieve success.



EYFS

We are so proud of all the children in Red and Blue base, they have embraced their first days of school with smiles and laughter. The children have been really busy both inside and outside of the classrooms: digging, building, using the mud kitchen, driving the cars, cooking in the home corner, making cups of tea, drawing, painting, using the computers and making new friends. Well done to all the children.



KS1

What a wonderful beginning to the year it has been with KS1 getting back together again at last and welcoming the children into their new classes. Our four class countries are Poland and Italy in year one and Egypt and Ghana in Year 2. Italy class have been busy with all things Italian, including investigating important buildings such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa. They have been playing in a Pizzeria and making their own ice cream using ice, salt and milk! Poland class have been investigating the Polish flag and map of Europe. They have made a large sculpture of the dragon of Krakow and learnt to speak a bit of Polish! Next week the new Year 1 topic will start: Paws, Claws and Whiskers. We will be learning all about the animal kingdom and are looking forward to our trip to Marwell on the 20th.



Ghana class have learnt to sing a song from Ghana which they accompanied with percussion. They have been weaving kente cloths which have symbols of Ghana on them as well as learning all about the folk tale Anansi the Spider. Egypt class have been busy drawing Pharaohs and learning to write their names in hieroglyphics. They have learnt a song all about the oceans and continents and have enjoyed tasting Egyptian fruit. Year two are looking forward to their new topic of Beachcombers starting on Monday and are eagerly anticipating their trip to West Wittering.

LKS2

We have had a fantastic start to the term in year 3, getting to know each other and learning all of the systems and routines. It has been great fun to meet on the playground in the mornings once again and we have investigated the wildlife garden as well. During our PE sessions, we have Mexico's native sport - football, and the USA's sport of basketball - including some cheerleading! In Mrs Sadler's USA class, we have identified landmarks throughout the USA and decided whether they were human or physical geographical features. We have painted sunsets and sketched The White House before combining the two mediums together and have also developed skills further by sketching Niagra Falls. The children have learnt about the different states in America and know that there is a star to represent each state in the country. We have all performed the national anthem - The Star Spangled Banner. As for Mexico class, with Mrs Burton and Mr Avenell, we have been learning about the diverse range of Mexican animals and have had the pleasure of tasting some delicious Mexican food. We have also learnt about where Mexico is in the world and made pots inspired by Mexican pottery. We have also made a 'God's eye' to decorate the class and to remind us that God is always with us.

In Year 4, we have also been extremely busy learning about our chosen South American countries. In Mrs Eden's Ecuador class we have learnt a fun song to help us remember the 7 continents. We have identified where Ecuador is on a map of the world, interpreted information from a pictorial map of the country and illustrated our own pictorial map. We have learned about the Galapagos tortoise, the largest tortoise in the world, and written a report about it. We also really enjoyed making llama bags out of paper plates. In Peru class with Mr O, we have researched a range of interesting facts about Peru and put them into our own Peru booklets.



We have created some lovely drawings and origami of Paddington Bear, as well as made some of Paddington's favourite food: marmalade! We also found out about animals native to Peru, looked at Machu Pichu and Lima using Google Earth, wrote a haiku about Peru, learnt some traditional Peruvian dancing and made Peruvian friendship bracelets.

UKS2

Year 5 have been busy researching their class countries. We have also been out on the field as part of our engage for our new topic Arabian Nights and listened to the first part of the story, made frozen pictures and performed in our tent stage. In maths we have begun our unit on place value. In PSHE we have created our own toolboxes for our zones of regulation. In history we have discussed why it's important to study Ancient Baghdad. In music we have listened to Rimsky Korsakov's famous piece of music Scheherazade. In computing we have all logged into Microsoft Teams and worked on our class country.

This year has started excellently in Year 6. All members of staff have been very impressed by the attitude and focus of the children in the first week and a half. We have been learning much about the 2 countries: Palau and Australia. From the familiar (Australia has a lot of beaches, hot weather, space and venomous animals) to the less well known (a delicacy in Palau is Fruit Bat Soup). The children have enjoyed expressing their knowledge and understanding through writing, drama and art. In Geography and History, we have started uncovering some of the thought-provoking and highly relevant background to World War 2 and the evacuation of children from dangerous cities across the UK. We have also been discussing leadership with the children and explaining that now is the time to prepare their speeches in advance of the leadership elections in the coming fortnight. We hope that they all seriously consider the opportunities that these roles offer.

SPORTY ST BART'S

It has been great to see the children enjoying their PE lessons since we returned last week. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit on the correct days, including spare socks, so that they can fully participate. Each year group has two PE session per week. Just a reminder that earrings are not to be worn during PE sessions.

ROAD CLOSURE

On Thursday 16th September between the hours of 7.00am-5.00pm the whole of Church Road from the corner of Derby Road to the junction of Tanners Lane and Bridge Road will be closed. Please allow extra time if you arrive by car or preferably opt to walk to school on this day or 'even park and stride' to prevent traffic congestion around the school.

ATTENDANCE – PENALTY NOTICES

Please see below a reminder from our attendance officer;

“Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days, they will be liable to receive penalty notices. Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 payable within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid within 21-28 days. If the penalty notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer per child, so a family with 2 parents/carers and 2 children will receive 4 penalty notices.”

Holidays during term time are not permitted as they risk further virus transmission. It may be necessary for a family to quarantine after a holiday or visit abroad, visits to certain countries that the Government states are not safe to travel to should be avoided.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Information on this term's after school clubs will be emailed out next week. Clubs will start Monday 27th September and run for 10 weeks, with the final session on Friday 10th December. Thank you.

LUNCHES

There's a choice of main or vegetarian meals and you can make your choice using the following codes: M=Main V=Vegetarian. The menu is a 3 week rolling menu and is emailed on a weekly basis.

Please make your choices before Monday morning for the week in order for accurate numbers to be passed to the kitchen. For pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2, we would kindly remind you that lunches should be booked through your Scopay account in advance. There is no charge for the lunch, but numbers are required by the catering staff to enable them to make their orders. Years 3-6 should also be booked and paid for IN ADVANCE, the cost of lunches are £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week and should be made in advance through your Scopay account. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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