



Friday 13th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term draws near, let us take some time to reflect on the many great things which have happened since September. New children have joined us in EYFS, settled well and become part of our school family. Year 6 have spent a week together in France, we have elected a Year 6 leadership team, pupil parliament and playground buddies. Our new curriculum is in full swing with children excited about their learning in every classroom – infact there is a direct correlation between the introduction of our rich and dynamic curriculum and the highest attendance rates we've ever had in the Autumn Term (97.4%). Of course, these are just some of our good news stories but it feels great to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic school. It has been lovely to see so many families at our Christmas fair last Saturday and this week at our EYFS and Key Stage 1 performances. Thank you to the wonderful POB's for organising such a fantastic festive fair. I look forward to seeing Key Stage 2 families at the show next Wednesday in the Haslemere Hall. As this is the final Headteacher newsletter this year, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we have been looking at our school value 'Trust'. We have been looking at the story of Daniel and how he survived the lion's den after trusting in God. Our memory verse is taken from this story "Daniel was lifted out of the den because he had trusted in his God." How easy it to trust someone? What can we do to ensure that we are trustworthy? Next week we look forward to the Worship Team's assembly on how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

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

Christmas has arrived for certain in Early Years! The children have embraced the glitter, glue and tinsel with gusto and have been busy making all sorts of decorations and pictures. They discussed the meaning of the Christmas story in their RE lesson and talked about Jesus as the light of the world. We had a lot of fun practising for our Christmas show and we were so proud of the way they performed. Thank you for all your support this term. The children have made great progress and have worked hard. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing Christmas break.



KS1

We have had a very busy two weeks rehearsing for our Christmas productions which turned out to be a great success. The children were outstanding in their conduct and performance and we were very proud of them. Thank you for all your support with costumes and learning lines! In year one the children have been making all sorts of Christmas arts and crafts. In maths they have been learning about 2D shape through hunts around the classrooms. Their memory boxes are coming along well and we are looking forward to sharing them with you on Tuesday at 2.45pm. Our next topic will be 'World of Imagination'. Year two have been making



wonderful mixed media collages using paint and various 3D materials. The children have been critiquing their work and making changes and improvements, resulting in some excellent pieces of art. In RE they have been learning about angels, why and how they appear in the Bible and how they are messengers of God. Maths has been learning about money; counting, adding, subtracting and solving problems. Our topic after Christmas will be 'Land Ahoy!' Watch this space for more information! The KS1 staff would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children in the new year.

LKS2

With the topic of 'Mighty Metals' in full swing, the children in year 3 have investigated magnetism, friction, air resistance and other forces which affect the world we live in. In D&T, they have been designing a robot which will be made next week. In maths, the children have been working on multiplication and division of the three, four and eight times tables. The English focus has been poems and the children have enjoyed reciting list poems to the rest of the class. We are continuing our whole class read of 'The Iron Man' and are looking more closely at the characters of the 'Space Bat Angel' and 'The Iron Man'. In year 4, it has been 'innovate' week and the children have been applying their learning from the 'Road Trip USA' topic. They received an email asking them to create a 3 week trip to the USA for a family with 2 children, and applied their knowledge to design a bespoke package for the family taking in US landmarks and visits to Native American Reservations. They had to stick to a budget of £4000 and used travel brochures and computer research to find prices for accommodation and entertainment suitable for families such as theme parks and musicals. They then created a spreadsheet on the computer to record the prices and provide the Smith family with a budgeted itinerary. In English, the children have been reading a range of Native American myths prior to writing their own version. In DT, they have been making a totem pole and an interactive light up map of the USA. Rehearsals are going well for the Christmas production and we look forward to seeing you at the Haslemere Hall on the 18th December; many thanks for all of the costumes that have already come into school.



UKS2

It's been assessment week in school this week and both year groups have attempted some reading and maths tests and then have worked on some of the problems together afterwards. In year 5 the children have done a spirituality lesson based on the question of 'What Makes Mo Mo?' and 'What Makes You You?' This encouraged the children to think about who they really are and how they can have more than one idea of that 'self' (eg son, friend, artist etc). Year 5 have also finished writing biographies about a person the children researched for homework and have shared these with each other. It's been innovate week in year 5 and the children have immersed themselves in a range of

activities linked to their 'Arabian Nights' topic, these activities have included; making a map, writing an adventure story for Sindbad, creating Islamic patterns, composing music, making jewellery or making a model of a mosque. In year 6 we have also been doing the innovate part of our Frozen Kingdom topic. The children are currently organising a rescue mission for a tourist boat that is slowly sinking off the coast of Antarctica. As part of their mission they have to decide on what supplies are necessary, research the effects of frostbite and how to treat it, create a 12hr plan of action, check the weather forecast for the area and record a 'face time' message to the panicked passengers to help restore calm. Year 6 have also continued with composing soundscapes to go with footage of the Northern Lights and have completed an orienteering race, influenced by Scott and Amundsen's race to the South Pole.



SPORTY ST BART'S - SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT THE EDGE

On Monday 2nd December, we played a friendly match against St Mary's. Both teams played well. The year 5 team were good in defence narrowly losing 7 – 5. The year 6 team won 21 – 4 due to amazing team work and accurate shooting by Arabelle, Chloe and Adelaide. The defence was very strong. Many thanks to the parents who supported us, as well as to Mrs Curry and Miss Lawrence for training us so well this term. Written by Arabelle, Year 6 and Kate, Year 5.



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 5 Cookery Club cut their own salmon fillet to make a gift parcel Christmas recipe and the following week had lots of fun creating their very own Yule Log - there was a lot of chocolate butter icing! In DT Red and Blue Base have chosen ingredients and made and decorated Christmas Biscuits.



ATTENDANCE

Please remember that the school gates are open from 8:30 to 8:45. Children who arrive at 8:30 often seem: happy, calm and peaceful. Children who arrive at 8:45, and after, rushing often seem: stressed, anxious and flustered. **Please help your child get the best start to the day.**

CHRISTMAS CRACKER CONCERT – HASLEMERE HALL

On **Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm** the children in our Christmas Cracker Choir club will be performing in the 20th Anniversary Christmas Show at Haslemere Hall. Twenty years ago the organisers of Haslemere's Millennium celebrations decided to stage a community concert to bring together performers from all over the town and beyond. The Christmas Cracker was born and each Christmas since, has been entertaining full houses of enthusiastic local people who consider the show an integral part of the festive scene in Haslemere. As usual, this year's event features seasonal carols, songs, readings, comic verse and a mini pantomime, with lots of audience participation. Singers come from choirs, churches and music societies around the town who are joined by children from St Bartholomew's School. Local actors provide the comedy slots. This year we also have a return visit from a superb local violinist who will be joined by a fellow Royal Academy Master's student to perform a couple of items. Tickets, costing £12 or £10 for adults or £5 for children under 12, are available from the hall box office (01428 642161). 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

Suggested donations are listed below for the items that are most needed by the food bank at present. We also have a collection box in the main reception area for other food donations during week commencing 30th September. They currently require (all non perishables please) **Tinned Fruit, Tinned Stew, Tinned Meatballs, Tinned Hot Dogs, Tinned Ravioli/Macaroni, Jam, Marmalade, Packet Rice, Small Jars Coffee, Drinking Chocolate, Chocolates/Sweets, shampoo and toothpaste.** 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

Please book meals using your Scopay account. School lunches are £2.35 per day, or £11.75 per week (with the exception of Years R-2 who are entitled to a free government funded school lunch). Half Term to 24th October = £84.60, Half Term to 19th December = £79.90. Total for Autumn Term = £164.50

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 Years R-2 qualify for a universal free school meal and therefore payment is not required).

Yours faithfully,

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