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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and managed to enjoy some relaxing moments as a family. I would like to extend a particular welcome to our new children who have joined us in EYFS or, indeed, in one of our other year groups this September. You are all now members of our BARTS family which I hope you will find very inclusive and rewarding. The term has started well and it was lovely to welcome so many of you into our school for our open afternoon earlier today. As you will have seen, the children have already learnt so much about the country they have named their class after.

EYFS

The children are all in now and we are delighted with how well they have settled. Each of them has been happy, busy and occupied, independently choosing what to do and learning to share and be patient. Many have loved exploring the outside areas with the cars, sandpit, mud kitchen and play house being particular hits. Other activities have included lots of art and craft, drawing, playing with numbers and maths equipment, using the computers and making models. They have had their first PE lessons with Mr Moore which they loved. Many of them were excellent at getting themselves changed independently but we would very much appreciate you encouraging this and practising at home. Lunches have been successful and all children have eaten their meal or added to it with food from the salad bar. It has been a very busy time and we are looking forward to next week with the children becoming more used to the rules and routines and having their first French and phonics lessons.



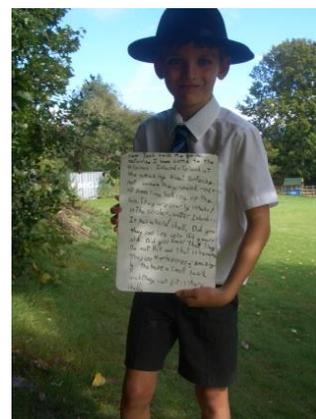
KS1

The children have had a wonderful start to the new year with their learning about their new class countries and getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. The year one classes are Germany and Luxembourg and the children have been busy learning facts about their countries including the animals, scenery, legends and food. Next week they will be beginning their topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers and we are looking forward to a half term of exciting learning all about animals. Year two classes are Nigeria and Kenya. The children have had a super week immersed in their learning and have produced some wonderful artwork, learnt songs and poems and made some interested fact files. They have also been learning about place value in maths and we were impressed with their abilities. Next week we will be launching the Beachcombers topic and eagerly preparing for our visit to West Wittering which will be coming up soon.



LKS2

We've had a very busy week in LKS2 learning about our class countries. In Year 3, Costa Rica class have found where Costa Rica is in the world, made rainforest birds and learned about the layers of the rainforest. They have made lanterns to help join in with Costa Rica's Independence Day, celebrated on the 14th and 15th September. USA Class have learnt a song to help remember the continents and located the USA on a world map. They have painted famous American landmarks and researched famous people from the USA. They took part in a New York challenge to see who could build the tallest tower using only paper and masking tape. In Year 4, Chile class have written fact files about their country and about the plants and animals found there. They have revised symmetry and made symmetrical butterflies. They have learned the history of the potato and carried out experiments with different tools to see which made a hole the most easily. Amazingly, they discovered a straw makes a hole more easily than a sharp pencil as it acts like a wedge. Ecuador Class have studied the physical features of the country using a pictorial map. They have researched some of the animals found by Charles Darwin on the Galapagos Islands and tried their hand at being David Attenborough. We wrote scripts and used the ipad to record our documentaries. In art, we used natural resources to try to re-create the Ecuadorian flag.



UKS2

It's been a fantastic start to the year in UKS2 with the classes learning a lot about their countries. In Japan class the children have told the story of Sadako Sasaki and had a go at some origami. We have written some Japanese Haiku's about Mount Fuji and whales. We have also created some art work based on Japan and researched key facts with a quiz around the room. We have produced some map work too and are planning on doing some more research in our computing lesson. In China class the children had Panda Day where they made a panda head out of a paper plate and cup and found out some facts about pandas, including how much bamboo they eat. This week, having looked at old crockery, the children have retold the Willow Pattern story, which originated in China, orally and in writing. The children have also painted some fantastic Willow Pattern plates and enjoyed a session of Tai Chi. Up in year 6, Australia class have been busy creating 'Did you know?' posters all about this fascinating country. The children have also been researching travelling to Australia. In English, the class have been using their imaginations to write detailed descriptions about a visit to an Australian beach. They have also designed and produced some wonderful artwork based on Australian aboriginal dot paintings. In Fiji class, the children have created their own Fiji fact books and quizzes about the country, made our own volcanoes, have used watercolours to produce artwork of a Fijian sunset, have woven mats, made some delicious pineapple jam and performed the Cibi – a historical war dance now used by the Fijian rugby team to intimidate opponents!



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 5 China class enjoyed preparing Chinese recipes this morning!



ANOTHER SPORTING SUCCESS FOR ST BART'S!

In our Year 6 leavers service we were able to present our Surrey Youth Games Ambassadors, Emma, Morgan and Sophie with special achievement certificates. These were to recognise that due to them promoting the games, we had the most children from our school taking part. As a school, we have been awarded a cheque for £250. As all 3 of the girls are/ were keen netballers, they were keen for the money to be spent on equipment to further support our netball club. We are incredibly proud of the girls' achievement and hope this will encourage some of our school community to apply for this important role, as an ambassador, to inspire even more children to take part in 2020!

ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder you can report your child's absence on our school website, this is a very easy process accessible on the Home Page - Parents - Report Absence. This will activate an email immediately to the office and saves parents either phoning in or waiting at the school office on a busy morning to report their child's illness. Alternatively please use the absence line 'Option 1' during school hours, leave a message on the night service or send us an email. May we also draw your attention to the two areas of our current policy below;

4.1 Illness

Most cases of absence due to illness are short term, but parents will need to make a phone call to alert the school each day of absence by 10am. When the child returns to school they should bring a note from their parent explaining the absence – this is for the school records. For prolonged absence due to illness (5 or more days), parents are required to provide the school with medical evidence such as a note from the child's doctor, an appointment card or a prescription paper.

In the event that a parent/carer has not made contact with the school to report a child's illness or absence by 10am, the school will call the child's first point of contact. If the first point of contact does not respond or is unavailable, the school will contact the child's second point of contact. In the event that both points of contact do not respond or are unavailable, the school are '*within their right*' to contact the police to carry out a welfare check if the school is concerned that the parent/ carer has not made contact and the absence is unexplained.

4.7 Late arrival

The school gate closes at 8:45. Pupils should go straight to the school office to sign in and give a reason for their lateness. Pupils arriving after 8:55 will be marked as late. Any unjustifiable reason for absence will be marked as unauthorized after 9:20. It is vital that pupils sign in at the office to ensure that appropriate health and safety regulations are followed and that all pupils are accounted for.

A register is also taken at the start of afternoon lessons, and any unexplained absences reported back to the school office. If a student is late to the lesson this will be recorded on the register.

Persistent lateness may result in disciplinary action.

Thank you for your continued support.

BRONZE AWARD – SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST

We are delighted to let you know that St Bart's have achieved a BRONZE AWARD from the Surrey Wildlife Trust in recognition of our wonderful wildlife haven! We would like to say a huge thank you to all staff and parents who have been involved in helping us achieve this wonderful award.



HASLEMERE WALKING FESTIVAL 2019

From Friday 28th to Sunday 30th September Haslemere will be hosting its fifth Walking Festival and will once again be offering a collection of varied and rewarding walks for all ages and abilities.

Over the three days, this year there are nine walks to choose from, ranging from returning favourites such as the ever-popular Bat Walk with the Surrey Bat Group, to spot some of the many species of bats know to inhabit Haslemere, to a selection of more challenging long-distance rambles with experience walk leaders. However, this year's festival also sees the introduction of new and exciting walks for children such as a Wild Learning Walk Reptile Walk designed for primary school aged children, exploring the heathland beauty of Marley Common with experienced Forest School leaders. Courtesy of John Owen Smith and Cast there is also a not-to-be-missed opportunity to discover Haslemere's rich and colourful history through a dramatized walk bringing Hindhead Common to life, with the 'Sir Robert Hunter Trail'.

All walks are free to attend but spaces are limited so please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk. For more details visit www.haslemere.com/vic/events or email us at haslemerevisitor@haslemere.com.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Please see below the current requests from Haslemere Food Bank, these items will be donated to families over the summer holidays. There is a collection box in the reception area if you wish to donate. They currently require (all non perishables please) **Tinned ham, Tinned Corned Beef, Packets of Crisps, Multi-pack Kit-Kat or Cereal Bars, Small Bottles of Squash, Peanut Butter, Jam, Jelly and Instant Whip**. 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 are **£2.35 per day, or £11.75 per week.**

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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HEADTEACHER