



Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week we heard from Muyomba Alphonse, the Head Teacher of The Bright Futures Primary School in Uganda, that the money from our Christmas collections has reached them safely. Thanks to your generosity we have sent the school Ush 6,417,790 which they will use to build a new block of three classrooms. Their school community is absolutely overjoyed and they have asked me to pass on their gratitude. It was lovely to welcome you into our school earlier this week for parents evenings and I was pleased to hear so many lovely comments from those of you I spoke to about the school and how happy your children are. I would like to wish you all a very happy half-term break.

**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This week in Worship we have been looking at Respect and how we can show respect to places that are important to us. Which places are special to you? After half term we will be looking at Lent and how Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and nights. To help mark the occasion we will be using the 40 Acts of Kindness in our class worship. Why not join in at home? How can we all show kindness to others?

**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.*



**LENT**

This year for Lent we will be looking at the 40 Acts of Kindness. Each day during Lent there is an act of kindness to be carried out. This could be giving someone some chocolate, making a card to cheer someone up or just smiling! We will be looking at these during our Class Worship sessions but it would be lovely if you could join in at home. Attached with this email is a copy of the Family Wallchart with all 40 acts. Why not tick them off as you go along?



## EYFS

Love was in the air in Early Years this week! Our topic of Love had the children drawing hearts, making gifts, writing messages and making cards. They learnt to write 'I love you' and enjoyed putting messages in envelopes and posting them to each other. They made paper flowers as well as love heart hats and garlands. We explored the Christian value of love and talked about how Jesus taught us to love our neighbour as ourselves. In the first week back after half term we will be doing Superheroes as our topic, using the book Superworm as inspiration and looking at how Jesus was a superhero. If you have any costumes, comics or books we could borrow we would be very grateful. We hope the children have a lovely, restful half term break; they have worked hard this term and we have been very proud of their progress.

## KS1

Year one children have been busy with their topic's 'innovate' week. They have been working in teams to produce prototypes for their DT project and have built some very imaginative machines of their own, including a machine that tidies up the classroom on its own! The children have been writing explanations as to how their machines work and they enjoyed reading the book *Until I Met Dudley* by Roger McGough, which is all about inventions. Maths work was the investigation of numbers to 50, comparing vocabulary and putting 3 numbers in order. Next half term our topic is Moon Zoom - all about space. We are planning to make rockets as soon as we get back so we would be very grateful if you could send in any empty bottles for us to use. Year two has been buzzing this week with lots of map work to round off our Land Ahoy! topic. We have been making our own treasure maps, looking in depth into map coordinates and symbols. We have also been learning about the story of Grace Darling and how the RNLI was founded. It has been a super topic and the children and teachers in Early Years were delighted with their visit from us to share our pirate homework. We hope the children enjoy their half term break and we would appreciate it if you could keep reading and practising times tables in order to get off to a flying start when they come back.



## LKS2

Year 3 have taken part in a Greek dress-up day. They read and talked about the Greek myth of 'Pandora's Box' and then made their own box to put special things in, such as the love of their family and friends, laughter and joy. In the afternoon, the children rehearsed Greek theatre scripts and then acted them out to the rest of the class. In maths, the children have been adding, subtracting and finding change in their money topic. It would be helpful if they could keep practising this over half term with some coins of their own. In PSHE, year 3 have created dream flowers with some dreams and goals that they are working to achieve. As they come to the end of their topic 'Potions', Year 4 have been learning about volume and capacity. They have made potions following recipes which required them to work out quantities of liquids which they then measured out using measuring jugs and cylinders. They have investigated chemical reactions, including discovering what happens when you add sodium bicarbonate to vinegar and the colour changing effect of adding different liquids to cabbage water. On innovate day, Year 4 had the opportunity to apply the knowledge gained over the topic and make their own potions following their own recipe and choosing from a variety of ingredients. They then bottled their potions, made labels for their bottles and created stoppers for them. In maths, they have been learning about area and how it is measured in squares.



In RE, they have learned about the story of Rama and Sita and discussed the themes of good versus evil which run through the story. In English, they have written their play scripts giving alternative endings to the story of Romeo and Juliet.

## UKS2

It's been a very exciting week in Year 5 with the children's Stargazer unit coming to an explosive end with rockets being launch! The children planned their experiments and evaluated the success of the launches afterwards. One rocket reached as high as 10ft! In English the children have been using expanded noun phrases for their descriptions of alien life, producing some strange and interesting pieces of writing! The children have also given David Bowie's Space Oddity their own interpretation by using keyboards, glockenspiels and recorders to play the famous piece. China class have also been cooking pizzas with Mrs Duly - which were absolutely delicious - and in maths have been learning all about fractions in maths and have discussed how Jesus's teachings challenge us. Several year 5 children have also been putting the school's Christian values into action by organising a cake sale and raffle to raise money for wildlife charities in Australia dealing with the devastation caused by the fire's there. Their hard work helped raise a fantastic £342 for this worthwhile cause - well done to all those who helped! Year 6 have been engaged in designing and making their own 'spy school' websites over the last two weeks. This has involved the children deciding on an appropriate theme and layout for their spy school based upon content that they had researched from the St Bart's (and other local schools) website. The children needed to write a persuasive introduction to their school on their homepage, add and edit images, create 'buttons' with hyperlinks to relevant pages (in some cases the children linked their own schools together), took spy photos that they uploaded to their sites, included a blog page with posts and comments from others and reviewed each other's websites. The children have also developed their programming skills by writing flowchart-based algorithms for simple games. In science, they have created parallel circuits and looked at their benefits compared to simple circuits. We also had a workshop with an organisation called Global Action Plan that has installed an air filter into one of the year 6 classrooms. This is part of an experiment involving 22 other schools to measure air quality and changes with the filter.



## COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 5 created six different pizza bases to top with their own quick tomato sauce and colourful toppings in their DT lesson and Year 4 Cookery Club made lots of tummy filling breakfast ideas to fuel their bodies for a day of learning.



## ATTENDANCE

In recent weeks we have been visited by Surrey's Inclusion Officer to monitor our children's punctuality. Due to the number of children arriving late for school in the mornings, she will be continuing to monitor the situation next half-term. Please ensure that your child arrives between 8:30 and 8:45 but aim for 8:30 to give yourself plenty of time as the roads round the school can get quite busy at this time of the day.

## YEAR 2 REQUEST

Please may all children in Year 2 bring into school a clean tin can (eg: soup, baked bean tin). We will require these on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** for making drums! Thank you.

## CANCER RESEARCH

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone, for participating in our Fundraiser on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February to support Cancer Research UK, to mark 'World Cancer Awareness Day'. During the day, the children wore mufti clothes for a small donation; they also made and wore a bow in the colours of the Cancer Research logo. In addition, the children had the opportunity to buy a cake at lunchtime. A huge thank you must go out to the children (and parents!) of Pupil Parliament, for providing such a generous spread of baked goodies! We are thrilled to say that the children raised over **£630** on the day, which is a fantastic amount to support such a worthy cause! Thanks again to everyone involved!



## AUSTRALIA RED CROSS FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to everyone involved in raising funds this week for the Australian fire crisis. Some of our pupils and parents made cakes and bracelets to sell, sold raffle tickets and organised games to raise money for this worthy cause. Thank you for your support, we managed to raise a fantastic £342!



## PUPILS ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

Please see attached with this email a very informative flyer giving guidance and laws on social networking sites and advice on how to keep your children safe online whilst gaming.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> February = £68.15, Half Term to 2<sup>nd</sup> April = £56.40. **Total for Spring Term = £124.55.** Please see the attached letter regarding meal choices.

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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