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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, Monday marks the next phase of the Prime Minister's roadmap which sets out the UK's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. We are feeling positive that the country is in this position but we will remain vigilant at school and do not yet plan to make many significant changes to the way we are doing things. Everyone's safety is our priority so for now, please remember to wear face coverings when you drop your children off and pick them up. It will be permitted for 2 households to mix indoors from Monday but we would remind you that this rule is a very important one and breaking it could risk the country's recovery from the virus.

We will continue to keep children in their class bubbles and to hold assemblies/other whole school events online. In fact, this afternoon we had our first and very successful whole school singing assembly on Microsoft Teams.

One thing we are looking forward to as restrictions continue to ease is being more involved in the community again. As such, we have started to plan our BARTFEST Summer Fair for the afternoon of Saturday 10th July. We are also looking forward to the Rotary Club's Scarecrow event at Lion Green on 31st May and the week before that, on Sunday 23rd May between 3 and 6pm, our Music School is having a guitar open day

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been looking at 'Generosity' linked to our value 'Achieve'. On Monday Mr Beckerson read us the story of Ruth and Naomi and we looked at how Ruth was generous with her time and love of Naomi. Our memory verse 'May God repay you for what you have done', linked to the story, shows us how we are often blessed after being generous towards others. In our story this week Ruth's generosity was repaid when found a new husband in Boaz! Next week we look at Pentecost and how when Jesus ascended to heaven he sent his Holy Spirit to live among us. In class we are going to have a go at speaking in different languages, just like the disciples did at Pentecost!

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

The children have had lots of fun with the Peter Pan and mermaid topic for the last 2 weeks! We have had all sorts of pirate adventures including walking the plank, finding lost treasure, building pirate ships and making treasure maps. The children made puppets of the characters in the story and have been retelling the tale with great gusto! Next week our new topic will be "Builders and the 3 Little Pigs" and we are looking forward to lots of investigation of materials, learning to build structures and solving problems. We will be making story maps and writing letters to the 3 pigs. The homework that the children have been bringing in is going down well, we are sharing their letters and messages with the class which has made them proud of their work and eager to stand up in front of the class.



KS1

The year one children have been busy investigating fractions in their maths work this week. They have been working out how to shade, fold and cut out halves of shapes as well as finding halves of numbers. Next week they will be progressing on to quarters. As part of the Enchanted Woodland topic the children made some gorgeous fairy houses out of clay. In RE they have been learning all about The Torah and Synagogues. The classrooms are buzzing with excitement in preparation for Mr Fox's party at the end of term. The children have been tasked with making all the preparations including invitations, menus, decorations and food and this will be for the next few weeks.

This has been an extremely special week for all of us in Year 2 as we have completed our sponsored run for UNICEF. In such hard times, it is extremely touching that the children were so well supported by their family and friends and we are very grateful. The children have learned such great life lessons from completing this challenge and their energy and determination to help children who are not as fortunate as themselves was inspiring. We cannot thank our supporters enough for helping the children to discover that they can make a difference! This week has also been full of discovering how to recognise quarters and thirds in maths. We have worked in partners to write non chronological reports on plants. Topic work has included continuing our observation and measurement tables on our sunflowers and various plants we are growing for our pizza garden. We have also started a fair test investigation on the germination of cress seeds and our first observation, after 3 days, led to some surprises! We are continuing our lessons on relationships in PSHE. Our English focus has been describing characters and listening to, discussing and acting out different versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in preparation for writing our own exciting versions next week.



LKS2

In Year 3, the children continue to enjoy the 'Heroes and Villains' topic. They have written fantastic narrative stories about a bank raid completed by Bonnie and Clyde in which the children have included dialogue and which also have a variety of interesting and imaginative endings. This week, the English topic is riddles and the children will be writing clues for the reader to guess the hero. In maths, they have continued to work on fractions and have been looking more specifically at equivalent fractions, where good knowledge of times tables has proved a great advantage. The children have composed their own songs about a hero or heroine and have learnt about some real life heroes in history. In year 4, the children have learned the legends of Beowulf and Grendel, Beowulf and Grendel's mother and Beowulf and the Dragon. They are now writing their own legends with their own invented monsters. In maths, they have been learning about money and how to add

and subtract it both mentally and using formal written methods, and work out change. In DT, they have designed and started to make pull along model Viking ships which roll on cams to give the impression of going up and down on waves. They have continued to learn to play the ukulele with Mrs Hollyer leading the lessons. Both year 3 and 4 have completed their scarecrows. In year 3, Batman and Spiderman represent the topic whilst in year 4 it is Erik the Viking and King Alfred, burnt cakes and all! The children (and staff) are very proud of the results.

UKS2

It's been a fantastic two weeks at the top of the school. In year 5, we have been getting very green fingered in our Allotment unit. In English last week we finished writing formal letters to farm shops and supermarkets asking for donations for our allotment sale.

We already have 3 replies which has been great. This week we are beginning to write explanations linked to allotments and the growing of vegetables. The children have been listening to excellent presentations from each other as part of their homework and have demonstrated excellent PowerPoint and presentation skills in the process.

In art, we are looking at the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and are beginning to do our own versions of flowers in her style and in DT we have researched and planned our own smoothie with a brand name and logo. Delicious! In geography, we have researched where food comes from around the world and the number of miles it travels to reach us, thinking about the carbon footprint involved. We are also looking at different types of farming and have begun to dig our own allotment with Miss Cross at the end of the field where we will begin to plant in this week.

It's been very busy up in Year 6 as well, where the children have been really enjoying their learning linked to their ID topic. We have held some engaging and thoughtful debates on the question 'Are we more defined by our nature or nurture?' and had lots of interesting disagreements! We have also compared our preferences to different environments (e.g cities or country, desert or rainforests) and considered the question 'What place do you most like to visit?' from which we then had to produce our own summary and advert. In English, we have been studying the difference between facts and opinions and have then written a tribute about a classmate based on facts taken from them and opinions provided about them from other classmates. In RE we have continued our work on Buddhism and have looked more deeply into the Buddhist Eightfold Path and the philosophy behind it. Amongst all this, we have had one eye on the future and our transition into secondary school through doing lessons on our PSHE-based Smart Move booklets, covering important topics such as the need to get enough sleep, how we'll travel to school and timetabling.



SPORTY ST BART'S

YEAR 2 CHARITY RUN - A VERY SPECIAL ENDEAVOUR:

This week, Year 2 classes, Uganda and Namibia completed their sponsored run for UNICEF, as part of their RE topic, 'Is the World a Fair place?' Using their 'mile a day' training at school, every day since returning from the Easter holidays to prepare, the children ran for a full 30 minutes, non-stop, to raise money for children in danger all over the world. Every child completed between 2.5 and 5.5 miles! Thanks to their heartfelt commitment and the donations of their extremely generous and supportive families, relatives and friends, between them, the classes have raised over £2000 for this great cause. They have discovered that, although young, they can save people's lives and make a difference to the world. We are very proud of them!

OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY:

Next Thursday, 20th May, each class will be taking part in an outdoor learning day. The children will take part in different activities in their bubbles outside. Please send your child in suitable clothing including a coat and footwear. It should be a fun day celebrating learning outdoors.

CRICKET COACHING:

Last week, Grayshott Cricket club organised coaching for EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. The sun shone and all the children had a great time practising a wide variety of skills based activities. The sessions were a great success with all the children having fun while developing cricket-based skills. We would like to thank Graham and his volunteers for a great day. If your child is interested in joining All Stars training at the club, please see the flyer sent out last week.

PSHE

Please give me your artwork, poems, sayings or stories about your relationships and friendships for the PSHE display. Items should be posted in the big box by the KS2 playground. Please send them in before the half term break. Thank you so much, Mrs Lynch.

FAMILIES MAGAZINE

Please see below the link to the May/June issue of Families Magazine for parents.

This issue includes days out, children's theatre, parks and playgrounds, Father's Day gift ideas and lots more! <http://bit.ly/FamiliesMayJune2021>



LUNCHES

The catering staff are providing a hot takeaway lunch for children. There's a choice of main or vegetarian 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 for your attention to this.

Yours faithfully,

C. D. Beckerson

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