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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a second week under national lockdown, I am delighted that our remote learning offer is being so well received. We have had many lovely, supportive emails and calls from parents to thank us for the teaching and activities we are providing online and we are very grateful for these.

We are also really impressed with the children (and with their families!) and the ways in which they are managing their learning from home. The independent learning skills which they are gaining from this situation will stand them in very good stead for the future.

In school, our learning support assistants are doing a very good job of leading classes for the children who are eligible for school places, supporting them to access the same learning as the children at home through Microsoft Teams.

We realise this is a difficult time for everyone and we look forward to when we can all be back at school together again but we urge you to stay strong and let us know if we can do anything to support your family.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been looking at our value 'Believe' with a focus on wiping the slate clean. Part of believing in ourselves is realising that we need to move on when we do something wrong, and the best way to do that is to say sorry. Next week we continue with our value 'Believe' but we look at how we can turn over a new leaf by learning from our mistakes. Why not cut out a leaf template at home and ask your child to write on one thing they have done wrong and on the other side write what they would do differently next time. Reflection is an important skill that enables us to get better at something as well as become the best version of ourselves.

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.



KEEPING FIT - ACTIVE SURREY CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

We hope that you are managing to keep your children active. It is really important for us all to be moving as much as we can within the government guidance. To help with this, Active Surrey have organised a Cross-country school challenge. The children need to see if they can walk, jog or run for 10 minutes or see how long it takes them to run a mile. We are looking forward to hearing of our success as a school and we will award certificates to those who take part. All the details are on this flyer and to submit your scores please complete the simple form from this link or type the one from the flyer.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbFQmK30wkeQW2eLmKpu0V_cU3G1lw2j3cAMD2ApSZeX6jPA/viewform

 Want to challenge yourself and see where you place against children from all over Surrey? 

Take part in the South Surrey virtual challenge!
All participants need to do to take part is complete this incredibly short form
→ <https://forms.gle/TGoZF6BwTufd489L6>



INTERNET SAFETY

At a time during which your child is likely to be spending more time on the internet, you may be interested to know that 'Think U Know' have created videos promoting aspects of internet safety to support parents during Covid-19 and the continued closure of schools to many children.

You can find the videos here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/> The 'Think U Know' website is a great resource. Your children will be having lessons on internet safety next week using this website.

ATTENDANCE

Please report any absences due to illness in the usual way to the school office. Please also include symptoms and if Covid-19 related. The office staff will then update your child's teacher so they are aware of the reason why your child will not be attending on-line learning that day. Thank you.

SCL FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Following on from the latest government guidance, at this moment in time SCL are fully intending to run their February half term parent paid holiday club, for school pupils and local children. They will continue to work in bubbles and to keep on top of any updates that come through from the government.

FAMILIES MAGAZINE

Please see below the link to the Jan/Feb issue of Families Magazine for parents. This issue includes activities families can do at home, a huge range of online children's classes, resources to support a family's mental health and lots more.

<http://bit.ly/FamiliesSWJanFeb21>



LUNCHES

The catering staff are providing a hot takeaway lunch for keyworker 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.

For pupils in early years, year 1 and year 2, we would kindly remind you that lunches should still 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 in the normal way, 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,

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