



Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year! This term promises to be another exciting one at St Bart's with exciting topics in every year group ranging from 'Land ahoy' to 'Tomorrow's World'! In Personal, Social, Health and Economic education the whole school is focused on the topic of Dreams and Goals which fits nicely with making new year's resolutions. Perhaps you might like to talk to your child about their own dreams/goals and even share your with them. Another exciting thing on the horizon is the opening of our new music school in partnership with The Music Works, a Yamaha accredited, not for profit organisation based in Milford. We intend to open the school after Half Term. The building will be fully resourced and available to all children in the school during the school week for classroom music lessons. There are also plans to have a recording studio which will enable the children to learn about digital recording and give them opportunities to write and record their own music. Peripatetic lessons will take place in the centre too as the building will be comprised of three studios with one being large enough to take a class of 30 children. We will share more information with you about this exciting development shortly. Have a great term!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been looking at our theme of Believe linked to having courage. Sometimes we need to have the courage to do the right thing which may not always be the easy thing. When have you had to show courage? How can courage help your self- belief? Next week we will be looking at how perseverance and how this can help us to achieve. How can we show perseverance? How does it feel when we achieve our goals? We look forward to hearing about the children's experiences in our class worship sessions next week.

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

This week we used the book Funnybones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg as inspiration for our learning. The children have been role playing hospitals, making skeletons, writing in speech bubbles, acting out the story on a stage, writing missing numbers and learning the song 'Dem Bones'. In our Jigsaw (PSHCE) topic we have been talking about perseverance to reach our goals, and the children stood on one foot for one minute to practise and discuss this. We also watched a super short film called Piper, which can be found on Youtube, which helped bring the meaning of perseverance to life for the children. Next week we will be learning about wild animals and using the story 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' to encourage mathematical problem solving.



KS1

Year one children have been very much enjoying their new topic 'The World of Imagination'. We had fun looking at inventions from the past and were intrigued with the children's ideas of what cassette players were used for! In maths they have been learning and practising number bonds for 10 and they have also been attempting to balance number sentences with equals, eg $2+3 = 4+1$. We are reading the story *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and the children have produced some wonderful art work specifically looking at the use of colour, with Piet Mondrian's work as an example. We have also been using this story as an inspiration for writing, and next week the children will be labelling their own crayons. Also next week they will be learning how to use adjectives, the RE topic will be Jesus' miracles and in computing they will be learning to independently logon and write. Year two had a wonderful introduction to their Land Ahoy! topic with their pirates day. They all looked fantastic and they had great fun carrying out all sorts of pirate activities in art, DT, problem solving, maths, writing and drawing. Next week the topic continues with floating and sinking investigations, pirate descriptive writing and multiplication and division.



LKS2

Year 3 have launched their new topic called 'Gods and Mortals' by meeting the main man himself, Zeus! The children got to ask questions to find out more about the Greek god and his counterparts when he visited them in class this week. In guided reading, they have been delving into Greek myths and re-enacting them. In maths, they are continuing with multiplication and division, grouping and sharing different amounts and exploring the relationship between the two operations. As geographers, the children have explored the country of Greece by looking at atlases, maps and photos and have also learned about the historical significance of the Greeks and their legacy. Year 4 have started their new topic called 'Potions'. Using the orienteering course in the school grounds, they found a series of clues that led them to discover a bottle marked 'Drink Me'. Back in class, they read the start of the first chapter of *Alice in Wonderland* and then role played giving advice to Alice on whether she should drink from the bottle or not. Some interesting advice was given to Alice, including telling her that, as she was completely stuck down a very deep hole from which there was no escape, she had absolutely nothing to lose by drinking from the bottle. They followed this up the next day by looking at real life examples of labels on household products – all washed out or empty and safe to handle – before writing their own instruction labels for the 'Drink Me' bottle. This week they used Publisher to publish their labels. In maths, the children have been learning about factors of numbers and efficient ways to multiply. This learning requires that they know their times tables and we ask that you regularly practice tables at home with your child to enable them to make the most of their learning at school. They should now know all their tables up to 12×12 . There is a strong science focus in the 'Potions' unit. The children have investigated the viscosity of different liquids by timing how long it took ketchup, oil, washing up liquid, water and Golden Syrup to run down a slope. They have discovered how the particles are arranged in solids, liquids and gases and investigated the temperature of water in different states. Year 4 have also had a visit from the police this week. They watched an animation that taught them ways to stay safe online which was followed up by the police officers asking questions about what they had learned.



UKS2

2020 has gone off to a flying start in Years 5 and 6. It's been great having Mr MacIver join Mrs Stanley in Year 5 and the children have soared to new heights in their learning with their topic of Stargazers. Year 5 children had a really excellent time inside the visiting planetarium where they learnt about the planets, their relationship to the sun, different types of stars and the Milky Way. The children also made a human solar system in the playground to represent the planets and in PE they became a human orrery to explore the speed of planets. In computing, the children have used Probots as rovers to navigate across a planet surface and in English the children have been writing non-chronological reports about space and have begun to explore moon myths. To make their learning more comfortable this term, the children have begun to design stargazing cushions in Design and Technology. Year 6 have been looking into the future with their new topic of Tomorrow's World. So far the children have researched into the history of computing and key inventors in computing such as Tim Berners-Lee, Alan Turing and learnt that the world's first programmer was Ada Lovelace – a woman from the Victorian period. The children also learnt about networks, clients, wireless devices, routers and servers and how they connect to each other. Mr England, the school's technician, took the children on a tour of the school and showed them the school's server and what it did. The children went on to make their own model representations of computer networks. In English, they have also looked at emails and blogs and have prepared their own blogs which they shall post on Purple Mash. Year 6 have also investigated into malware and have written a newspaper report on a fictional computer virus attack on the school's computer network.



SPORTY ST BART'S!

Our two new outdoor table tennis tables arrived at the end of last week. The tables were officially opened by Mr Avenell challenging Mrs Hope-Gill for the first game. Mrs Curry then took on the winner. Mrs Curry showed her amazing skills and won against Mr Avenell! The children started using them on Monday lunchtime and they are proving a huge success. We would like to say thank you to the POB'S who have funded this addition to our playground provision.



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 4 Cookery Club has a zesty start with vitamin packed citrus desserts this week to fight winter sniffles. Year 2 have prepared pasta salad for their Pirate friends with lots of oily fish and healthy jewels. They have also had the opportunity to thoroughly investigate Mr Sea Bass in their DT Food & Nutrition Lessons.



ATTENDANCE

Punctuality is very important at St Bart's and we believe that this not only prepares our children for their future in the world of work but also enables them to have a calm and happy start to the day. Please ensure that your child arrives between 8:30am and 8:45am when the gates are open.

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING

In order to improve child safety on the school premises the vehicle gates are locked each day at **2.50pm** and are opened again at **3.20pm**. Parking on site between these times is only for disabled badge holders. The lower vehicle gate is left half open in order to ease congestion for pedestrians.

Please also note there is no stopping or parking on the zig zag lines outside the school. The single yellow line opposite the zig zag lines is a 'no waiting' zone therefore you can stop for immediate set down and immediate pick up but there is absolutely no waiting or loitering. This will make it much safer for children crossing the road. It would also be much appreciated if drivers could switch off their engines when they are parked, as this will improve air quality for our children.

We would also like to encourage all parents to walk from home, if this isn't possible we would encourage parents to adopt a 'park and stride' routine – whereby they park safely some distance from the school and walk.

SCHOOL UNIFORM INITIATIVE

The church has started an initiative to redistribute spare school uniform to those who need it. On the first Thursday of every month it will be available at the Link (Church hall) between 3 and 4pm.

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 13th February = £68.15, Half Term to 2nd 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).

Date for your diary: Tuesday 28th January – a chinese lunch will be served to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The menu will be Sweet & Sour Chicken or the vegetarian option will be Crispy Vegetable Fingers. Jacket potatoes will be available but not the third option of Cowboy hotpot.

Yours faithfully,

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