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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we have been notified of some positive cases of COVID-19 at St Bart's this week. We currently know of five cases in red base, two cases in Blue Base and one case in Year 5. We will continue to write to let you know (by class or year group) using the 'warn and inform' template letter we have been asked to use if we become aware of further cases in the school. Thank you for your understanding and support at this time. Many of you are showing your support by wearing face coverings at drop-off and pick-up and we thank you for this. This week has been a reminder to us all that COVID-19 has not gone away. If your child tests positive or has symptoms of COVID-19 they must not attend school until they have had the result of a PCR test. We would also like to remind you that we are not inviting parents into school at the moment unless they have made an appointment, are willing to wear a face covering and, ideally, can show a negative lateral flow test result.

On a brighter note, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our school fair tomorrow. Anna, Jessie, Lindzi, Sandra, the rest of the POBS committee & parent rep's have done a superb job of organising the event and it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon. The fair opens for children with special educational needs only at 12.30pm and will then open to everyone else from 1pm. There will be live music, the inaugural BARTS steeple chase, ice cream, BBQ, a bar and lots of games so come on out and enjoy a super Saturday afternoon with us!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been continuing with our value Believe linked to forgiveness. On Monday Mr Avenell shared an old Chinese story about a deer who forgives the man he rescued after he betrayed him. The story demonstrated forgiveness, showing why it is important to forgive others, just like God forgives us. In classes we have been reflecting on whether we need to forgive someone who has upset us so that we may all move on. Next week we will focus on Generosity linked to our value Achieve. A very fitting theme as it is our Harvest Festival. We will be collecting food donations for the Haslemere Food bank but also looking at how our generosity can be shown in other ways. Maybe you can be generous at home this week by helping around the house or sharing some time with a friend or even simply sharing a smile!

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, UK Blue and UK Red base have been talking and sharing thoughts about themselves, their favourite things and also where they live. They have looked at the map of the UK and found London. They have very carefully painted the Union Jack flag in red, white and blue. The children have enjoyed singing My Lighthouse, some even joining in with the signing. The Wildlife Garden was a big hit with the children. They made dens, built forts and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the area. In the mud kitchen, the children have made tea and coffees for their teachers and even turned it into a restaurant, serving all kinds of delights! We are very proud of them as they get to know each other better and feel more confident in their new surroundings.

KS1

Year 1 had a fantastic start to their topic, 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers', with a visit from Mr Avenell's dog. The children asked lots of pre-prepared questions and we found out lots of facts about his dog, especially that she loves carrots! We had an amazing day at Marwell Zoo this week, where the children were able to see a wide variety of animals including meerkats, monkeys, giraffes, penguins, tigers, snow leopards, rhinos and even a sloth. The children were really well behaved and were a credit to our school. In school the children have enjoyed being creative, designing and making animals in a variety of different ways. In Maths this week we have been using counters and a number track to find one more and one less than given numbers and next week we will extend this further by comparing numbers. In English we have started to listen to and retell some of Rudyard Kipling's Just So stories, such as How the Rabbit Got Her Long Ears. During RE we are thinking about the question 'Who is God?' and this week we have been thinking about God as a creator, going on a 'creation' walk to the wildlife garden to find objects that God has created.



This week, Year 2 have turned into Beachcombers! We have been learning about and identifying physical and human geography in features of the seaside. We have started to learn about the habitats found at the seaside and the life within them. On our wonderful WOW trip to West Wittering, we were blessed with a perfect day full of sunshine, jumping the waves, collecting shells and small dead crabs and creating pictures using driftwood, seaweed, shells, rocks and any other natural things we could find. We are beginning to learn about and sort items into things that have lived, are no longer alive or have never lived. We are currently working on writing a recount of our fantastic day, using our learning from last week on 'what makes a good opening' and 'time adverbials'. The children were exemplary in their behaviour on the trip and two people, one being a head teacher, who were also at the beach, notified the school to compliment the children and staff commenting on how clean they left the beach as well as their excellent behaviour! You should be very proud. The children have also thanked God for the things in nature they love and asked Him for His help, in beautiful written prayers. Keep practising counting in 2s 5s 10s and now 3s as that has been our focus this week in Maths. Finally, a very big thank you to our lovely Mums, who were absolutely brilliant and so much fun on our trip.



LKS2

Year 5 have had busy week and we are really impressed with how they are all now settled into school life. In maths we are continuing to look at place value and have been ordering and comparing numbers. In English we have been writing some fantastic adventure stories based on Sinbad the Sailor. In PSHE we have had some interesting discussions about the rights of children and which rights are important to us. In art we have drawn self-portraits and began to look at Islamic art. We have created our own geometric patterns. In RE we have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and the importance of these to Muslims. In history we have looked at primary and secondary sources and how ancient Baghdad was in the golden ages in 900AD.

Year 6 have had a very busy and varied fortnight. Most of the children have enjoyed completing the week-long Bikeability course and becoming more proficient at cycling on the roads with care and confidence. Some of the leadership team has been voted for by the school and congratulations are in order to the following: Aurelia Barrett (Head Girl), Sebastián Selwood (Head Boy), Emily Odell (Deputy Head Girl) and Josh Smith (Deputy Head Boy). We also say a big well done to all the children that put themselves forward for a role and prepared their speeches with diligence and thought. We have been learning more about the Second World War and what happened to evacuated children. Year 6 have written letters from and to imaginary evacuee children. In maths, we have continued learning about Place Value and practising using negative numbers both in arithmetic and in real-world scenarios. In PE, we have been honing our Netball skills: in particular the variety of passing (and catching) needed to play well.

UKS2

Years 3 and 4 have been really getting into their new topics over the last two weeks. In year 3, we have started learning all about Tribal Tales. We have learnt that the information we know today about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age has been through archaeological findings and have therefore looked for our own evidence in the wildlife garden – as archaeologists ourselves. We have looked at the timeline and have started to realise just how long ago the Stone Age really was! In maths we are reminding ourselves about place value and know how important it has been to think about numbers as hundreds, tens and ones. We have started reading the adventure story ‘Stig of the Dump’ and have written our own adventures (after learning about how to create suspense and excitement in our writing) for Stig and Barney – we will continue to read the book in class to find out if any of our ideas were the same as the authors. In PE we have begun developing our gymnastics and rugby skills.

In year 4 we have been enjoying learning all about the disgusting, yet intriguing Burps, Bottoms and Bile unit of work. We’ve started by studying the teeth and the function of the four different teeth types and the purpose of saliva. To check that we’ve been good with our teeth we also used some dental disclosing tables to show up the plaque that had been built up on our teeth. Most teeth were pretty clean, with the exception of Mr O’s – who needs to eat less chocolate and start flossing more. To look at the effects of substances on teeth, we substituted out teeth for eggs (shells on) which we left in four different solutions – cola, orange juice, vinegar and water. Following the scientific method, we made predictions about what we thought would happen, made observations over the course of a week and wrote conclusions based on the results. Due to the acidic nature of the vinegar, our eggs had completely cracked through and the one in Cola had eroded away due to the sugar. The yucky highlight of the week was watching Mrs Eden talk through and demonstrate the digestive system through using a mix of cold baked beans, bread, bourbon biscuits, vinegar and water all mixed into a blender then squeezed through a pair of old stockings. Lovely!



ATTENTION ALL KEEN SINGERS FROM YEARS 3-4!

Mrs Hollyer is working with Farnham Youth Training Choir and they are looking for new members. If you love singing and want to join a wonderful, fun choir then we are having a free open rehearsal on Wednesday 29th September and Wednesday 6th October 5.15pm - 6.15pm at the United Reformed Church in South Street, Farnham. For more info and to register sign up at www.FYC.org.uk/joinus

SCL CLUBS

SCL will be running 3 clubs from Monday 27th September 2021 which are aimed at Years 1 & 2 and Years 5 & 6. The clubs are:

Monday - Multi-sports, Years 1 & 2 at 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday – Football, Years 1 & 2 at 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday – Hockey, Years 5 & 6 at 3.15-4.15pm

The cost of each club is £22.50 for 5 weeks (£4.50 each session). If you wish your child to attend one of these clubs, please book on directly via the SCL website using the link below:

<https://wearescl.bookinglive.com/home/After-school-sports-clubs>



HARVEST FESTIVAL – WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

We are celebrating Harvest Festival next week and this year our food donations will be going to the Haslemere Food Bank and we would like every child to bring a donation to school on Wednesday 29th September. We have attached the list of items that the food bank require with copies put up in the 'pen'. Thank you for your continued support.

CLEANING CONTRACTORS

We are in the process of reviewing our cleaning contract. If anyone either owns their own cleaning company, or knows of a good reliable local cleaning company who may be interested in this opportunity to get in touch with Jackie Chiodaroli at the school (jchiodaroli@stbartholomews.surrey.sch.uk).

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking to undertake the following works in the next few months:-

- Refurbishment of our visitors' toilet
- Refurbishment with polycarbonate sheeting for the Early Years and Year 1 external canopy
- New pathways in the Early Years and Year 1 garden area
- Landscaping works (hard and soft) in our Prayer Garden

If anyone is interested in any of these projects and would like to find out more information please contact Jackie Chiodaroli at the school (jchiodaroli@stbartholomews.surrey.sch.uk).

LUNCHESES

There's a choice of main or vegetarian meals 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 £2.45 per day, £12.25 per week and should be made in advance through your Scopay account. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

C. D. Beckerson

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HEAD TEACHER