



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from my letter earlier this week, I can say that we are very much looking forward to all children returning to school on Monday 8th March. Next week will be the final week of remote learning for the vast majority of our children but I would encourage them to continue to take it seriously and get the very best out of the learning activities provided for them. I would also suggest that you start to have little conversations with your children about them coming back to school. It might be helpful to get them to talk about what they are most looking forward to and ask them if there is anything they feel worried about. A reminder of our BARTS values and golden rules would probably help to prepare them too. Attached to this email, you will find a handout to support you with having these conversations.

FAREWELL TO MRS RIX

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rix, one of our longstanding and much-loved teachers. Mrs Rix began working at St Bart's in 2008 providing teachers with time to discharge their leadership responsibilities. Before long, she was appointed as a substantive member of the teaching staff and has made a significant contribution to the lives of many children, staff and parents over the years through her excellent teaching and particularly her expert delivery of meditation and mindfulness sessions. Mrs Rix has supported a number of children with their anxieties and complicated emotions using her mindfulness techniques, combined with her very strong emotional intelligence and inter-personal skills. In recent years, Mrs Rix has worked as a 'Closing the gap' teacher in our school, helping children to catch up when they have fallen behind and she has been teaching in Blue Base for two days a week since September 2020. Mrs Rix and her family will be moving to Scotland which is very exciting for them and, whilst we will miss her very much, we wish them all the very best as they begin a new adventure together.

BLUE BASE

Following the departure of Mrs Rix at the end of this term, Mr Avenell, our Deputy Head Teacher, will be teaching Blue Base on Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Burton will continue to teach the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been looking at our Value 'Respect' linked to Compassion and having the courage to care. Mr Beckerson shared with us the story of Moses and how the Pharaoh's daughter showed compassion to a small baby in a Moses basket. How have you shown compassion this week? How have you put the needs of others before your own? Next week we continue with compassion with a focus of coming to the rescue of others. Rescuing someone else does not have to be a big gesture, it can be as simple as giving someone a smile or offering to help with a small job. Our memory verse this week is 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Can you show love to someone by coming to their 'rescue' this 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.



SPORTY ST BART'S

ST BARTS PERSONAL BEST CHALLENGE - Please can you submit your personal best scores for this challenge by Monday 1st March so we can announce the winners for each class next week.

ACTIVE SURREY VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE IS BACK - This is a chance to try and improve your personal best at walking, Jogging or running 1 mile.

Who will place on the leader board in this half term's competition?
Want to challenge yourself and see where you place against children from all over Surrey?

🏃 Take part in the South Surrey Cross-Country virtual challenge! 🏃
All participants need to do to take part is complete this incredibly short form: <https://forms.gle/MMirjRm6ERVkfBk86>



CONGRATULATIONS

Charlotte in Peru class, is a keen acro dancer and decided over half term to organise a 4 hour danceathon to raise funds to buy some extra playtime equipment for when we return to school. She did incredibly well and managed to raise £270. Well done for using your skills to raise money!



ATTENDANCE

From 8th March 2021, pupil attendance at school will be compulsory, in line with government expectations. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and that you collect them punctually at the end of the school day.

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.

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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