



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to look at the learning across the whole school over the last two weeks to see how the children are progressing since coming back in September. I have been very impressed with the children's attitudes to learning and how much progress they are making. Through conversations with children, it is clear they are enjoying their topics this term and are well supported by our excellent staff; every child I have spoken to has been enthusiastic and able to explain what they have been learning really clearly. As we approach the final weeks of term, we are turning our attention to advent and Christmas. We look forward to decorating our classes next week; I am sure you are all looking forward to Christmas too!

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been looking at our value 'Achieve' with a focus on persevering. We have been discussing in classes how we can encourage each other to keep trying when we find things difficult and how we feel when we give and receive encouragement. Next week we look at 'Respect' and how we can show respect when people have different opinions. How do you show respect at home and in the classroom? Is it ok to have a different opinion to someone else? On Wednesday we looked at Advent and we started our countdown towards Christmas (and of course we look forward to opening our calendars on Tuesday 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

The children have enjoyed the topic of zoos this week. We read them the story of Dear Zoo and they have been making their own lift the flap books with hidden animals. They have been making animal masks, designing zoos, counting animals, finding one more and one less and playing animal bingo. We have also been discussing the importance of animal conservation and we watched the programme One Zoo Three to help us. Next week our topic will be Space and Aliens Love Underpants, and we are looking forward to learning all about the solar system and the first moon landing.



## KS1

The children in year one have been busy practising numbers 11-20 this week and have been making them using various mathematical equipment, including dienes which are sticks of tens and units. In English they have been learning about verbs and making changes to a setting. The children enjoyed their RE lessons this week as they had to make their own scenes from an Old Testament story of their choice. Next week they will be investigating 2D shape in maths and in science they will be finding out whether our sense of smell is better when we cannot see. The children will also be writing letters to Father Christmas next week as well as learning some Christmas songs. Year two children are enjoying their potions topic and have written some super concoctions based on George's Marvellous Medicine. The children are learning how to be healthy and have been talking about healthy food and in their art lessons they have been experimenting with marbelling. They have been learning about money in maths and we were delighted with their quick understanding particularly in the current need for using plastic instead of coins! Next week we will be carrying out the phonics screening with the children as well as making multi-media collages, continuing with money and making their own healthy snacks.



## LKS2

In year 3, the children have been learning about the explosion of Mount Vesuvius in AD79. They are now writing their own historical narrative story using all of the facts that they have learnt about life at this time and about the explosion. They have looked at a primary source and other fictional accounts to help them select the best vocabulary to create an effective setting and atmosphere in their stories. In maths, they have completed the unit of work on addition and subtraction and are starting multiplication and division. The children really need to practise their 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x and 8x tables to support them with this learning so the more practise they can do at home the better. In geography, they have looked at the structure of the Earth and the children understand that the Earth's crust is made up of tectonic plates. They understand that it is through the plate lines that the magma escapes to form a volcano. In science, they have learnt about how different rocks are structured. In music, children have made volcano music and have used a graphic score to record their ideas. They have focussed on drawing a human figure in art. In year 4, the children have been writing stories based upon the Indian in the Cupboard in which a toy comes to life. They have written about a toy of their choice and taken it on an adventure with them. Having learnt about speech punctuation and rules, they have tried hard to correctly punctuate and structure conversations between their characters in the stories. It would help embed this learning to talk about how speech is punctuated and set out on the page when reading stories at home. In history this week, they have been learning about the Iroquois tribe of Native American people. They will use this research next week to write a report based on their findings. In maths, year 4 have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, 1 and the number itself and finished by focussing on the 6 times table. Please practise the 6 times table with them at home to improve the fluency of recall of the facts. In science, they have made switches and then constructed electrical circuits to put their switches in so that they can turn a light bulb on and off. In art, they have created skylines of New York by pushing paint rather than brushing it on.

## UKS2

It's been another enjoyable week at the top of the school with lots of learning going on. In year 5, the children have been very engaged with their Alchemy Island unit of work and have written a detailed report about gold and diamonds. This writing task linked in nicely to their science in which the children learned all about the periodic table and why we have it. The year group have taken their maths outside with some active learning linked to calculating square numbers. The children have also enjoyed learning about coordinates and linked this to maps of Alchemy Island. Children's

understanding of Islam has increased too, with year 5 researching into the role and importance of mosques for Muslims. In music, the children have listened to music with the theme of gold and wrote about how it made them feel. Year 6 have delved further into the icy-depths of the Earth's Frozen Kingdoms, in particular Antarctica. The children learnt all about Scott and Amundsen's race to the South Pole and the huge obstacles that they faced. In their writing they have taken on the role of Scott on his disastrous mission and have written some powerful extracts about the expedition – including the team's final days. In maths, year 6 took inspiration from Scott and Amundsen's race and had their very own orienteering competition in groups to develop their understanding of coordinates as well as to solve arithmetic problems hidden around the school. In a separate maths lesson, the children also went outside and used the lines on the playground as axis to make reflections and translations of shapes, with the children acting as the vertices. In music, we have continued to use Audacity to compose a 'soundscape' to go with footage of the Northern Lights and in art we used oil pastels to paint colourful Northern Light pieces. The children have also enjoyed learning all about puja and the puja tray as part of their learning on Hinduism.



### **ATTENDANCE**

Overall attendance at St Bart's remains excellent. Thank you for your support. Through pupil discussions this week, our children have told us how happy they are at school and how much they are enjoying learning. It has been great to see children excited about being at school this term. As a result of this attendance, we are seeing children making excellent progress.

### **PRIMARY MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2020**

On Friday 20th November, a group of enthusiastic mathematicians from Years 5 and 6 took part in a national mathematics challenge: they had to solve a series of challenging and fun maths problems using logical reasoning as well as arithmetic knowledge. Well done to everyone who took part in the challenge!

### **EARLY YEARS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please return your child's completed school entry questionnaires if you have not already done so. Please return, sealed in the envelope provided and post in the school letterbox. Thank you

### **SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN HOURS**

The school office is open from 8.30am until 4pm Monday to Friday. Messages (including reporting your child absent) can be left on the answerphone if calling outside of these hours. Thank you.

### **CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Your Christmas orders have arrived in school and will be sent home with your children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support in helping to raise funds for our school.

### **FUNDRAISING FOR ST BART'S**

When shopping online ahead of Black Friday please use Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate directly to POBs. Use the link to set up AMAZON SMILE so every time you shop, we make more money for the kids. Search for St Bartholomew's PTA Haslemere. You only need to set it up once, [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk). The same goes for EASYFUNDRAISING. Just search for St Bartholomew's Haslemere before you start shopping, [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Ask your family members to do the same, thank you for your support!



### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Thank you to everyone for taking part in helping to raise money for Children in Need this year. We managed to raise a fantastic £400!

### **POPPY APPEAL**

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Poppy Appeal this year. We managed to raise £404.70 this year.

### **KOOSA CLUB – AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Please find attached up to date information from KOOSA Club on the running of their after school care.

### **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.

**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,

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