



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another week, I do hope you and your children are all as well as can be expected. I certainly found last weekend's snow a welcome distraction and enjoyed making Aurora's first snowman with her on Sunday morning! I believe there *might* be more snow to come this weekend – let's wait and see ☺!

Thanks again to those of you who completed our parental survey – we emailed you with our response earlier this week. We are determined to keep improving our provision during this time and your comments have really helped us to understand what is working well and what we could do to make things even better.

We have planned some special curriculum days which will all take place before half term:

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Music**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Internet Safety**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Art**

**TBC: French**

We hope these will add a sense of refreshment and new energy into the children's days.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we have been looking at Thankfulness linked to our value 'Achieve'. Mr Beckerson reminded us at the start of the week of the story of Ruth and how she was thankful for what she had, even though life was difficult. He also talked about how we are all achieving amazing things even though life is tricky at the moment! Next week we continue with the theme of Thankfulness, focusing on counting our blessings. We will be thinking about the people that we have in our lives that we are thankful for, our 'Angels'. If we were in school, we would be drawing pictures of our 'Angels' and then putting them up on our Prayer Wall. Maybe you would like to draw a picture of your 'angel', the person or people that you and thankful for, at home this week and say a short prayer of thanks for them.

### 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 BINGO, NATURE CHALLENGE

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, so Active Surrey have compiled an active bingo card with a focus on being outside. We know the benefits for all of us but especially for our children that being outside brings. Please try and complete these activities with your children next week. This can be done for fun or if your child would like to unlock a certificate this can be done by emailing your child's name, school year and school name to Active Surrey on: [activeschools@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:activeschools@surreycc.gov.uk) Please let your child's class teacher know if they receive one.

## ACTIVE SURREY CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

How did you get on this week?



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Express Yourself' and we will be encouraging the children to find ways to share their feelings, thoughts or ideas through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film and doing activities that make them feel good about themselves.

Useful links to support with managing children's mental health:

<https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/kb5/surrey/localoffer/advice.page?id=s8d0Hl3q300>

<https://www.stbartholomews.surrey.sch.uk/3363/emotional-health>

<https://www.stbartholomews.surrey.sch.uk/3112/home-school-link-worker>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/talking-to-children-about-feelings/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/supporting-your-child-s-mental-health/>

## LIVE MEETINGS

Thank you to those parents who have returned the 'Live Meeting Acceptable Use Agreement', we have sent a further reminder email earlier today to those we haven't received as yet. It is important that you respond to this by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to avoid your child's access to live lessons being potentially affected.

## PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS

A reminder that remote parents evenings will run on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, if you haven't managed to book your appointment yet, please do so via; [SchoolCloud - St Bartholomew's Primary School](#)

## 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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