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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this letter, the children are busy making Christmas decorations for their classrooms and some of the POB's will soon be here to put up the Christmas tree in our school hall. This afternoon we sang carols during singing worship which was lovely and has started to put me into a festive mood. I always enjoy this time of year in school with lots of happiness and laughter around as the children (and adults) begin to get excited about Christmas time. We lit our first advent candle on Monday to symbolise hope and we will be focusing on advent next week in collective worship. Not long to go now until our Christmas performances and I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about the value 'Respect'. The year 6 leadership team acted out the story of the 'Good Samaritan' and we looked at how the Good Samaritan showed respect in the story. In classes we have been looking at how we can show respect through the things we do and say as well as discussing how sometimes it can be hard to show respect. Our memory verse this week is 'Love your neighbour as yourself' taken from the book of Luke. Maybe your child could show you the actions that go with our memory verse at home?

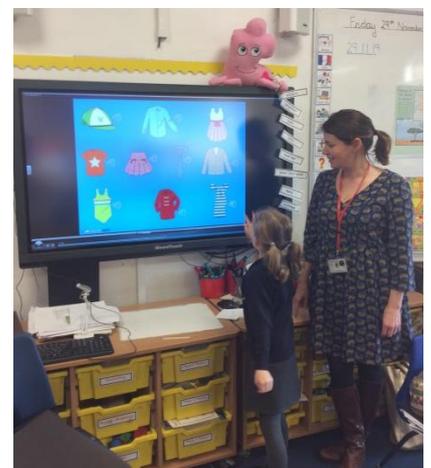
Our Vision

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 been very excited to begin their practising for the Christmas Play this week. We tried our best to give them the part they asked for and so far they have embraced it with great enthusiasm! Out topic of 'What happens when I fall asleep?' has been lovely: the children have learnt all about nocturnal and diurnal animals and had fun following a treasure hunt in the garden to spot and record pictures of them. They have been role playing and sorting bedtime routines, counting and ordering stars in maths, working together to reach a hanging star using construction and drawing night time pictures and stars. The children have been enjoying dictating and writing stories with us and acting them out. We have had some super ideas, many involving unicorns and super heroes! We read them the story of Plop, the Owl who was Afraid of the Dark and some of their stories have featured owl adventures. Next week we will continue with our night time theme but will focus specifically on the moon and stars as well as the planets in our Solar System. If you have any pictures or books about this we would be very grateful to borrow them.



KS1

The children in Key Stage One have been busy writing letters to Father Christmas this week and we plan to use them to moderate standards of writing across the classes as part of our assessment week which is next week. The Christmas play rehearsals are underway now and there is a feeling of excitement amongst the children as they start to learn their lines and songs. In year one the children have also been writing stories based on the story of The Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson, making changes in characters and setting. Maths has been a focus on numbers 1-20, and we have been ordering, matching, finding 15 in as many different ways as possible and adding one more and one less onto teens numbers. It has been our final RE lesson about the Bible, and the children successfully sorted stories they knew into Old and New Testament. We are looking forward to making our memory boxes next week, thank you for the shoe boxes you have been sending in. Year two children have been exploring and using multi media in their super topic of Muck, Mess and Mixtures. This will continue next week as they are recreating and exploring works of art from the Impressionist and Pointillist movements. In maths we have been assessing their understanding of addition and subtraction and we have been delighted with the results. Next week will be a mix of rehearsals, assessments and more muck, mess and mixtures.



LKS2

Following the successful visit to Lion Green playground, Year 3 have designed their own piece of playground equipment and have written a report about it, including how it works, the forces it uses and the safety requirements. In maths, the children have finished the unit on addition and subtraction and should be able to use the column method for both of these. They are now working on multiplication and division and a knowledge of 2x, 5x and 10x tables from their time in Year 2 and knowledge of the 3x and 4x tables will be very useful. The children are learning about the force of magnetism and have been investigating the strength of different magnets. They are continuing to enjoy reading The Iron Man. In year 4, the children have been learning about the Iroquois, a Native American people. They have researched facts about the daily life of the Iroquois and written non-chronological reports about them. In geography, they have identified where the Iroquois lived on maps and looked at where the Iroquois sited their settlements, considering the reasons why they chose to live there. They are currently reading a range of different Native American myths. In maths, the children have been learning their 6, 7 and 9 x tables. Practising these at home, asking questions out of order, will help embed their knowledge of these tables. Both year groups have started rehearsals for the Christmas play.

UKS2

In Year 5's English over the last fortnight the children have focussed on descriptive writing, with the children creating descriptions of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, which were believed to be in Iraq. Prior to their writing, the children used their imagination to produce watercolours of the scene. In geography, the children have been investigating how longitude and latitude are used to locate the capital cities of the world and have used atlases to do this. For maths, the children have been involved in drawing and interpreting graphs and tables, asking a range of questions around the data shown. In science, children have been investigating magnetic force and finding out whether it will pass through other materials. Year 6 have been getting into their topic on the Frozen Kingdom. The children have researched into both the Arctic and Antarctica and have noted similarities and differences between the two. In English, they have begun researching an animal of their choice from one of the polar regions and have planned a story involving research about that animal. In history, the children have also learnt about the magnificence, and tragedy, of the Titanic. We looked at accounts of what had happened and wrote telegrams from 1st class, 2nd class and 3rd class passengers who were on board the ship. In art we have studied Inuit paintings and have used these to do Inuit inspired drawings of our own, using natural materials found on the field to help create prints. All the children across the key stage really enjoyed our outdoor learning day and were very excited about the Children in Need music competition. A big congratulations to Olian who's fantastic performance on the piano will see him at the final at Woolmer Hill tonight



SPORTY ST BART'S - SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT THE EDGE

In the last few weeks both Year 1 and Year 2 have attended sports mornings at The Edge. These mornings have involved competing in activities with other schools and are designed to develop their skills. Both year groups behaved incredibly well and showed great enthusiasm. Many thanks to the staff and parents who accompanied the children.



COOKERY AT ST BART'S

Year 5 Cookery Club enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving this week by preparing mini pumpkin tarts and chilli cornbread. Year 6 had an interesting DT lesson and cooked WW2 Ration recipes using imperial weights and discovered that what they made tasted delicious!



WE THREE KINGS

St Bart's were invited to make three kings art installations for the nativity display in Guildford cathedral this Advent and Christmas. Children across different year groups had fun decorating three freestanding, silhouetted Kings by adding layers of paper and card to create colourful cloaks that looked amazing against the black shape of the king. The Cathedral will have nativity figures being made by pupils from early years to end of secondary on display over the Christmas season and the Cathedral is open to everyone who wishes to see the nativity art. The sculptures will be on display from Friday 29th November 2019 - Tuesday 7th January 2020.



LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

Next week is the last week for the majority of extra curricular clubs. The exceptions to this are KOOSA and the following:

Christmas Cracker Concert Choir Final session: **Wednesday 18th December 5pm finish**
(Please note 4.30pm finish next week)

Drama Club: Final session: **Thursday 12th December 4.30pm finish**

Year 5 Cookery Club: Final session: **Tuesday 10th December 4.30pm finish**

Next term's club information will be emailed to parents after the end of the school day today.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in 11 out of our 14 classes is above 97% (our whole school target). Red Base, Ecuador and Nigeria classes are currently leading a very close race for the autumn term attendance award which is a small cash donation for some new wet play games. Perfect for our current weather!

POPPY APPEAL 2019

The Royal British Legion would like to thank everyone at St Bart's for their support and generosity in raising a fantastic **£539.43** for this years Poppy Appeal.

SICKNESS AND/OR DIARRHOEA

Please note that it is school policy (in line with nationwide NHS guidelines) that children stay off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours. This applies even if your child has only had one episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea and is in place to limit the spread of infection.

OPEN AFTERNOONS

I hope all parents /guardians /carers enjoyed the open afternoon last week. We have reviewed the format in order to improve safeguarding. In the future open afternoons will run from 2.30pm until 3.10pm. At 3.10pm we will ask all parents / guardians / carers to **leave the premises and the children will then be dismissed in the usual way.** Many thanks for your cooperation.

A POLITE REMINDER

Please may we remind our parents that dogs are NOT permitted on school premises, including our 'penned' area where the parents wait to collect their children. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER CONCERT – HASLEMERE HALL

On **Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm** the children in our Christmas Cracker Choir club will be performing in the 20th Anniversary Christmas Show at Haslemere Hall. Twenty years ago the organisers of Haslemere's Millennium celebrations decided to stage a community concert to bring together performers from all over the town and beyond. The Christmas Cracker was born and each Christmas since, has been entertaining full houses of enthusiastic local people who consider the show an integral part of the festive scene in Haslemere. As usual, this year's event features seasonal carols, songs, readings, comic verse and a mini pantomime, with lots of audience participation. Singers come from choirs, churches and music societies around the town who are joined by children from St Bartholomew's School. Local actors provide the comedy slots. This year we also have a return visit from a superb local violinist who will be joined by a fellow Royal Academy Master's student to perform a couple of items. Tickets, costing £12 or £10 for adults or £5 for children under 12, are available from the hall box office (01428 642161). The event is usually a sell-out so do get your tickets early and come along and enjoy the fun with all the family!



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

Our catering staff will be providing a new menu for the children from 4th November and a copy is attached. Jacket potatoes are also available. 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 24th October = £84.60, Half Term to 19th December = £79.90. Total for Autumn Term = £164.50

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).

Yours faithfully,

C. D. Beckerson

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HEADTEACHER