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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited that the children will be coming back to school on Monday! It seems a long time since we broke up for Christmas but that was when most of the children (and teachers) were last in school!

We hope our remote provision has met the needs of your children so far this term - we've certainly made a concerted effort to keep the lessons and activities motivational and relevant, but we also recognise that the very best thing is for the children to be in the classroom, with their peers and their teachers.

On Monday, we will be having a special day where we focus on the BARTS value of BELIEVE and using the slogan 'Believe to Achieve' to encourage the children to think with a sense of passionate positivity about being back at school. We want to focus on a post-Covid recovery journey and to fill our school and lives with excitement and ambition as we move forwards together.

We would request that the children bring a spare pair of shoes as they will be spending lunchtimes on the (slightly wet/muddy) field to support the social distancing of year group bubbles.

### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

In Collective Worship this week we have been looking at compassion linked to our value 'Trust'. Mr Avenell spoke on Monday about having compassion to come to the rescue. He shared with us the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' where a number of characters show compassion by coming to the 'rescue' of others. I wondered if you have been able to 'rescue' anyone this week or come to their aid with a smile or a kind word? Next week we look at our school value 'Trust' thinking about how truthfulness can help us to make the right choices. It can be very hard sometimes to tell the truth and be honest, especially if we have done something wrong. In difficult times we have to trust that telling the truth is the right thing to do.

This week we also heard from our friends over at Bright Futures School in Uganda. They have also been struggling with the pandemic and have asked that we remember them in their prayers this week. In particular their Headteacher, Muyomba Alphonse, has not been very well and we pray that he will be restored to full health soon. Also their children will be sitting their Primary Leaving Examinations at the end of this month and we pray that all their children perform well and pass their tests. We heard that their pupils have sent through some letters to share with our children too and we look forward to receiving them soon so we can hear all about what they have been up to!

### **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

HALF TERM PERSONAL CHALLENGE - Well done to these children who submitted their personal challenge scores to their teachers:

RECEPTION - Alex W and Jenna A

YEAR 1 - Gregoire B

YEAR 2 - Joanna C and Jasmine W

YEAR 3 - Victoria S, Eliza D and Joel P

Many thanks for working so hard to improve your scores!

PE - Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school next week so that they can fully participate in our PE sessions as we return to school. It might be good to have a spare pair of socks in case the sessions are a bit wet and a pair of tracksuits bottoms if you have them already as we are hoping to be outside as much as possible. Just a reminder that earrings are not to be worn in PE.

ACTIVE SURREY CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE - Please feel free to take part and get St Bart's on the leader board.

 Want to challenge yourself and see where you place against children from all over Surrey?   
Take part in the South Surrey virtual challenge!  
All participants need to do to take part is complete this incredibly short form  
→ <https://forms.gle/TGoZF6BwTufd489L6>



## RAPID TESTING FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDCARE BUBBLES

If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a school pupil, college student or of a staff member, you can get twice-weekly symptom-free tests. The symptom-free tests for households are **not available from schools or colleges**. Households can use any testing offered by their employer, or **book** an appointment online at a symptom-free testing site, or **collect** a home-testing kit from a designated collection point, or if unable to travel to a site, **order** a kit online. You can find out more at [surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting](https://surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting).

If your child or a household or bubble member develop COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing. Book a free test at [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call 119.

## COMIC RELIEF 2021

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be supporting Comic Relief by holding a mufti day. Children will be able to wear any home clothes, along with an item of 'red' if they wish, in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 per child. Collection buckets will be available on all gates at drop off and pick up, or donate directly online: [www.comicrelief.com](https://www.comicrelief.com)



## LUNCHES

The catering staff are providing a hot takeaway lunch for the children who require a school meal. Please look at the menu which will start from week 3. There's a choice of main or vegetarian and you can make your choice using the following codes: M=Main V=Vegetarian. Please make your choices before Monday morning 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 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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