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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding as we have navigated our way through this first week after hearing from the Prime Minister that we would have to close for the time being due to Covid-19. We have received lots of positive feedback about our remote learning offer and we continue to review and evaluate our provision as it develops. We really miss the children and look forward to the time when we can open safely again but, in the meantime, we hope that the 'live' online lessons are helping them to feel connected.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

Please remember if you have suffered from lack of revenue or have been furloughed due to Covid-19, we are here to offer some additional support.

We can refer you weekly to the Haslemere food bank, just contact our Home School Link Worker, Karen on: 07817 240652 and she will organise this for you.

You can self-refer to the Haslemere Help and Community Store. They run a community shop which is open every Wednesday 10.30–2pm. They have constant supplies of dry goods, general household items and fresh foods which are all free of charge. All you need to do is phone them on: 07873 383954 and they will allocate you a time slot to visit the store. They can also help with collecting prescriptions if you are having to isolate and they can also do a shop up to the value of £25.00.

Citizens Advice: 0800 1448848, can offer help and advice for a number of issues including finances, benefits, housing etc.

These are difficult times, no one should struggle alone. Please do let us know if we can help.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our focus for Collective Worship this week is New Year's Resolutions and Epiphany. Hopefully you all got to see the lovely video that Victoria sent to us explaining the meaning of Epiphany and why it is a celebrated time in the Christian calendar. With our focus on New Year's Resolutions it would be lovely if the children could think about things they would like to do this year. It doesn't have to be academic, it could be linked to an interest they have. For example, Mrs Taylor's New Year's Resolution is to try and start running this year (although I am not sure I will achieve the same distances that Mr Beckerson has achieved since he took up running last year!). Next week our value is 'Believe' with a focus on forgiveness and wiping the slate clean. Christians believe that when you say sorry for something you have done wrong then the slate is wiped clean and the transgression is forgiven. Do you need to say sorry to someone? Or do you have a grudge against someone that needs to be forgiven? If we were in the classroom we would encourage the children to write what they have done wrong or what they need to be forgiven for on a piece of tissue and then swish it in a bowl of water and watch the 'sin' wash away. Maybe you would like to try this 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.



KEEPING FIT

We are encouraging all of our children to stay physically active during this time of home learning. There are many different sites and activities that the children can take part in remotely.

Joe Wicks is starting up his live PE lessons on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday from 11th January. If you would rather do a shorter Joe Wicks workout, these 5 minute workouts are designed to be carried out in a classroom: www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/twinkl-move/joe-wicks-twinkl-move

There are also several new free workouts on: www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/free-stuff

The BBC SUPERMOVERS has some active ideas for different area of the curriculum. It has a different routine for each times table: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND BREAKFAST CLUBS

In light of the national lockdown, we will not now be able to run after-school clubs or Breakfast Club this term for the foreseeable future. We are aware that many of you have already paid for these clubs and we will safeguard these payments for when they are allowed to resume, hopefully later in the term. If you have any problems with this arrangement, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

USING AN X-BOX OR PLAYSTATION TO ACCESS HOME LEARNING

Using the above games consoles is an alternative method to access remote learning during times of lockdown. Please follow the instructions below;

Xbox:

Plug in a keyboard (if you have one) or use the one that pops up on the screen

To move around either use the Xbox controller or plug in a mouse

Go in to my games and apps

Find Microsoft Edge and select

Type in: Microsoft Teams

Access your work by using your school logins as normal

PlayStation:

Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon

Press the PlayStation logo on the controller

Go to the library and find options for games and apps

Go in to apps and you will find the internet browser

Type in: Microsoft Teams and use your school login as normal

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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