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### November 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

#### Parents/Carers Evening Feedback

It was so lovely to see so many of you in school for our parent/carer consultations last week. The teachers were delighted to share with you how your children have settled in this year. Thank you for completing the parent/carer questionnaires; we are completely overwhelmed and grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback and very grateful for your continued support.

It was particularly lovely to hear how happy your children are at St Bart's and how beneficial you find the communication platform Dojo.

Some feedback mentioned that a few children find the school meal portions quite small. This is something that I will be raising with our catering provider to ensure that the children do have a suitable sized portion.

One other area that we received some feedback on was the opportunity for some additional extra-curricular activities. Currently, there is at least one after school activity every day. However, with 400 pupils in the school, these are on a year group rota so that all children in years 1 – 6 have the opportunity to take part in a club during the course of the year. We also have lunch time sports clubs, 3 times per week. During the year we have football, multi-skills, tennis, athletics, cross country, orienteering, cricket, dance, gymnastics, guitar, netball, tri-golf, craft and cooking clubs. All children in years 1 to 6 also attend choirs throughout the year. Due to space and numbers of children, to increase the range of clubs, we would look at different types of activities which may need to be delivered by external providers. We have never charged for school-based clubs; however, due to the extreme demand on our budget, in order to offer more clubs, this may incur a small charge. This would likely be far less expensive than a community club, but I also recognise the current pressure on households. I will be sending a forms questionnaire to determine whether this is something parents and carers would like me to pursue (families in receipt of free school meals would not be expected to pay and children would be able to attend). We value your feedback and will always seek to respond in a positive way.

#### Italian School Link

An extremely exciting opportunity has arisen for St Bart's to make links with The English International School of Padua, a school in Italy.

Having spoken to the leadership team at the school, we believe that this would be an innovative collaboration, creating many potential links between the two schools and opportunities for children and staff to work together in a mutually beneficial partnership. It will allow our pupils to a first-hand appreciation of a school culture abroad and broaden the audience to develop our key character skills. There are numerous curriculum links which would be enhanced and broadened through this unique relationship.

We will be introducing this to pupils over the coming weeks and are planning a virtual assembly to officially launch this exciting venture. More details will be provided when they are confirmed.



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### E-safety workshop

Safeguarding children from some of the dangers that the internet can present can appear overwhelming and challenging. As a parent myself, I understand that sometimes it is difficult to be fully aware of how to appropriately protect children whilst allowing them to access the digital world that is inevitable in today's society. Mrs Banks will be running an e-safety workshop for parents and carers on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm. Please could you telephone the school if you wish to attend.

### End of term Christmas Service

Due to the amazing turn out at the Harvest Service, and the wonderful feedback we received, we have decided that we will need two end of term Christmas services in order that all children from nursery to Year 6 can take part and to ensure that family members can attend. Therefore Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5's service will take place in church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6's service will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. These dates are in addition to the Christmas concerts that were communicated on Dojo last week.

We have a very exciting few weeks ahead in the run up to the Christmas period and look forward to seeing many of you at your children's events.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rachael Kilmister'.

Rachael Kilmister  
Headteacher