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St Bert's News  
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### Family Worship

This weeks Family Worship was led by Liz Gwynne. Liz works for the charity Christian Aid and came to talk to the children about the work going on in Kenya.

### Christian Aid

Next week is Christian Aid Week. The children will be hearing more about the important work that Christian Aid carries out. Christian Aid works with the world's poorest communities helping people whatever their race or religion. The work they do ranges from honey harvesting to providing fresh water. The children will be bringing home an envelope and will be asking you for loose change. If you have already received an envelope from church, then please do not feel obliged to fill both envelopes.

### School Closed

Just a reminder that School is closed this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May due to polling day.

### Photos



Tomorrow the school photographer will be coming into school to take photos of the children with their class teacher.

### Drumming

Drumming is on as usual this week.

### Menai

Next week Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May our Year 5 children will be going to Menai. (Let's hope the weather keeps fine.) The children always come back with lots of exciting stories to tell and new experiences to share. We hope you have a fantastic time! (Can you please send all outstanding monies into the office as soon as possible). Thank you.

### Sad Goodbye

Last Thursday we said a sad goodbye to Mike our Caretaker. I am sure you would like to join us in saying thank you for all his hard work during the short time he has been with us. Mike is looking forward to his

retirement playing plenty of golf in the lovely sunshine. Good Luck Mike!

### Change of INSET Day

Last week we advised you about the change of INSET day. We appreciate that some of you have booked holidays which have included Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please don't worry if your holiday does include this day, it was our fault that the date had to be changed. Could you please inform us in writing if you are on holiday on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 so that we can put in the correct registration mark. Please be rest assured that your child will not receive an unauthorised absence.

### New Staff

Following on from our interviews last week, we are pleased to tell you that four new members will be joining our staff team next year either as class teachers or maternity leave cover. They are Mr Andrew O'Neill, Mr Stuart Morland, Miss Alexandra Maunder and Mr David Catt. We welcome them to our school and are looking

forward to working alongside them.

### **Jenny Mackenzie**

The stork has been working hard again at St Bert's.



Congratulations to Jenny Mackenzie who is expecting a baby brother or sister for Rose in October this year. (Whose turn is it next?)

### **SAT's Situation**

After careful consideration the staff team at St Bertelina's have decided to go ahead with the administration of this years end of Key Stage SAT's. Despite a call from the various unions to join a boycott we feel it would be grossly unfair to the children to withdraw the tests at this late stage even though we do object to the publication of league tables. We thank you for your support and understanding and wish the children the best of luck next week!

### **Car Park**

As you can see the staff car park is now nearing completion and therefore will be used as a car park from tomorrow. Could we ask that Key Stage 1 children line up on the playground and that Key Stage 2 children continue to enter school from 8.45am

onwards. There is a designated pathway at the edge of the car park which the children will be encouraged to use.

### **Away Day Raffle**

You will receive today raffle tickets for our annual Away Day Raffle. There are lots of prizes to be won. Please return the stubs to school as soon as possible - 25p each or 5 for £1. Remember to put your name and telephone no. on the back of the stub! The raffle will take place on the last day of this half term.

### **Sanyo Overhead Projector**

We have a Sanyo Overhead Projector (needs some attention) free to any good home. If you are interested, please call into the office.

### **'I Can' Meeting**

A meeting for all children who are starting Reception in September will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.00pm. At this meeting there will be a chance to purchase or order school uniform.

### **Reading Group**

The next Reading Group is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Thanks to all those who have supported the group. At the moment the group is full, if you would like to put your

name on a waiting list, please see Gill in the office.