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St Bert's News

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10th July 2023

Family Worship

Family Worship this week will be led by Lizzie Guy.

Parents are more than welcome to attend.

School Dinner Money



We have been advised by Halton Borough Council that the price of a school

meal will be increasing from September 2023. The new price will be £2.70.

Change of menu

There will be a change to the menu w/c 17th July 2023. On Wednesday 19th July 2023, Zena will be service a Roast Dinner and a Jacket potato. She will also be serving Fish and Chips and Pizza and Chips on Thursday 20th July 2023 instead of the Friday when we finish for half a day.

Change to the school finish time - September 2023

When we return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023 there will be a change to the end of the school day, which will be **3.20pm (rather than the previous 3.15pm)**. This will apply to all children.

Google Form

Thank you for taking time to respond to our survey. We received 16 responses and lots of positive comments. We are also grateful for the suggestions made. One aspect that was

mentioned was regarding the variety of clubs on offer at St Bert's. To clarify, this year clubs ran have included: football club Ys 3/4/5/6, coding club Y1/2/3/4/5, gardening club Y1/2, recorder club Y5, lego club Y5, choir club Y2-Y6 and maths club Y6.

We are always looking to offer a wide range of clubs and welcome any suggestions.

Obviously, if external providers are used this means a cost being incurred. The variety of clubs ran each year can vary depending on children's interests, staff capacity and demand.

You told us you would like to see more of what children are doing in classes on Facebook. From September, we will try and focus on an individual class each week.

You also told us that your children like to get certificates and stickers. From September we will extend our stickers to include A5 certificates.

Some parents asked about the PTA or 'Friends of St Bert's'. If you would like to volunteer your time to support the 'Friends of St Bert's' or give some suggestions, our two parent governors will be available outside Mrs Chriscoli's classroom on Parents Evening and will be happy to meet you.

School Reports

School reports will be sent to parents this Tuesday 11th July 2023.

This year reports will contain attendance percentages and comments in line with the government drive to improve attendance.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Next Tuesday 18th July 2023 will be our Year 6 Leaver's Assembly. This is their opportunity to say farewell and is always an emotional experience! Everyone welcome - don't forget your Kleenex!

Unfortunately, due to the amount of people who will be in the school hall, prams will not be allowed for health and safety reasons. May we suggest that parents with young children park their prams outside the doors at the back of the hall or in the front courtyard if it is raining? Thank you.

Outstanding Residentials/Events

All payments for residential visits/events etc are to be paid for asap

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Outstanding balances

A gentle reminder that we still have outstanding balances on the recent residential trips. If these outstanding monies are not paid, we will be in a position that residentials/events will not take place. Thank you for your support.

School Structure

You should now be aware of the school structure for next year.

As always, the governors and senior management make the decision regarding class structure and placement of individual children in light of the needs of all the pupils at St Bert's and how they can be best met.

The criteria used to place children is based upon friendships (positive and negative influence), general ability, age and maturity, any additional needs. The teachers have spent a long time placing children taking into account both the age and stage of development as well as friendship groups and individual knowledge of the child. Your child's class placement will be noted on your child's school report. Reception, Year 1, Year 1 & 2, Year 2, Year 3 & 4 x 3 classes, Year 5, Year 5 & 6, Year 6. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Outstanding Dinner Money

At present, we have an outstanding dinner money debt of £1,489.50. Can we please, please ask that dinner money is paid up before the end of term (as we will be transferring over to the new system).

If any Year 6 outstanding dinner money is not paid, we will have no option but to inform Halton Borough Council who will deal with the debt.

Dental Education

On Thursday of this week, our school nurses will be in school to talk to the children in Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 about dental hygiene.

Data Sheets

We still have a few outstanding Data Sheets. Please can we ask

that you send them in by today. This is to ensure that we have correct email addresses for sending out school reports. Could split families please ensure we have both Mum and Dad's email addresses where both parents have parental responsibility (legally). Thank you

Parents Evening

On Thursday of this week 4 - 6pm we will be holding our Parent's drop in session. All teachers will be available for a brief chat and you are invited to come along and see your child's work.

As part of the Parents Evening, there will be a presentation for the **current Reception** children focusing on transition to Y1 at **5.15pm** (in the hall) and a transition presentation for **current Year 2** children moving into Year 3 at **4.30pm** (in the hall) on the same evening. This is a big step for Y2 children moving into the juniors (KS2) and for Reception moving into Year 1 (KS1) and we would request that you do your best to attend these presentations.

Don't forget our Parent Governors will be available in school outside Mrs Chriscoli's classroom for feedback, ideas, suggestions, praise or simply to say 'hello'.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 starts in July and this year the theme is Sports - Ready, Set, Read! The challenge is to read 6 books over the school holidays. There will be lots of exciting sporty activities and events going on across all of Halton's libraries over the summer!

This year Halton has a short video explaining the challenge,

please see link below. [Halton Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2023 promotional video - YouTube](#)

SIMS/Pay 360/Schoolgateway/Schoolcomms

All parents should have received an email that was sent last Thursday with a link to log into Schoolgateway (Schoolcomms) our new payment system. We are using Schoolgateway in conjunction with SIMS Pay until the end of the academic year.

School dinners will still need to be booked and paid for on SIMS Pay until September when we will switch over to Schoolgateway.

Any issues please contact the office.

Sports Day



Our alternative date is Wednesday 19th July. THIS IS WEATHER PERMITTING AND WHETHER THE

FIELD IS SAFE. Again, we will do a risk assessment on the morning of the 19th and will inform you via email as early as possible if Sports Day will go ahead.

On the day we will have some raffle prizes on offer, so please bring along some cash with you if you wish to purchase raffle tickets.

In addition we will be selling ice lollies and ice creams for £1 and ice pops for 50p

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you all on the 19th July.

School Library/Reading Books



All reading books and library books should be returned to school by Friday of this week.

Over the summer we do an audit of our reading material. Also, if by any chance you find additional reading books which have not been returned in the past, then please send these into school.

Clubs

The last Choir Club will take place this Friday 14th July 2023.

Mr Hall's last swimming session will take place on 14th July 2023.

This week will be the last Gardening Club.

Little Princess Trust

Dotty one of our Year 4 children has beautiful long ginger locks. She had decided to cut off 12 inches to give to the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young adults who have lost their hair through cancer. If you would like to donate please go to [Genevieve Gurrell is fundraising for The Little Princess Trust \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.genevievegurrell.com)

Happy Birthday



A happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Ellie Dunham (11)
Max Hubball (5)
Isaac Quine (9)
Daniyal Ralli (6)
Charlie Doherty (10)
Kristina Klepets (6)
Amara Roberts (6)
Darcie Rawlinson (6)

Katy Westwood (11)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Fun Food Chef

Pat, the Fun Food Chef, will be visiting our Year 1 & 2 children this Friday 14th July 2023. The children will cook a variety of food from around the world supporting their Geography topic on 'Around the World'. The cost of this experience is £7.50. Can we please ask for payment via SIMS Pay. [Pay360 Education Payments - Secure Online Payments - Home](https://www.pay360.co.uk)

Kooth Wellbeing Support for Young People

Kooth is a free, anonymous, confidential, safe on-line wellbeing service offering professional support, information and forums for young people. They offer access to counsellors 365 days a year who are available Monday to Friday 12pm - 10pm, Saturday and Sunday 6pm - 10pm. Click below to visit the website <https://www.kooth.com/>

SEND in Halton

Children and Young People with SEND in Halton are holding a holiday activity fund summer programme. There will be a variety of activities such as board games, arts and crafts etc. A healthy lunch will be provided. Spaces are limited, please email to register for a place: inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com

Summer Fair

Whitton Albion Football Club, Northwich is holding a summer fair on Sunday 6th August at U Lock IT Stadium at 11.00am until late. Free entry.

Daresbury Laboratory Open Day

The Daresbury Open Day is back on Saturday 15th July 2023. The Science and Technology Facilities Council and Sci-Tech Daresbury campus open their doors for a free day of fun for all ages.

Although the event is free, booking is advised.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/99005796001>

Summer fun at Deafness Resource Centre

Deafness Recourse Centre will be holding a variety of fun activities over the next few weeks. To book places contact ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org

Dance School

Jinni Tong, School of Dance is holding a kids summer school.

From 24th July - 17th August, Monday - Thursday 9am till 1pm. Ages 3-16 Years at Sandymoor Community Hall. Please contact jinnietongschoolofdance@yahoo.com for more details.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum

Parent Carer Workshop introduction to Autism and Anxiety on Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm. To join the members only virtual group (via zoom) please contact <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85263550521?pwd=dXdldzdxS3lpVHZSL2FEOUphUXZ0UT09>
Meeting ID: 852 6355 0521
Passcode: 132601

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum is holding an Coffee Morning at Esposito's Café, (81 Highlands Road, Runcorn) on 12th July 2023 11.30am - 1.30pm.

For more information please
contact Jen on
info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk.

Fab Friday Lollies

As part of our fundraising events, we will be selling lollies this Friday - after school by the hall doors. £1 each.

End of Term - Lunchtime Finish

On Friday 21st July 2023 we will not be visiting St Bert's Church, due to the fact that are having building work done. However we will be having a service in the school hall at 10.00am. All welcome. Just a reminder that all children are expected to join us in finishing the school year off appropriately but you are free to pick your child up following the service in school at 11.45am. We will be finishing school at 12.00 noon, (12.30pm for those who require a free school meal). If you require a school meal on Friday, please let the office know by Thursday 20th July 2023.

Quote of the Week

HOPE on! (Having an Optimistic Perspective on Everything)!

We all need hope. It teaches us that adversity does not last forever.

Matthew 5 10:12



Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts are for the children and families affected by the events in Wimbledon last Thursday.
God Bless