

St Bertelina's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to you all, especially our new families

whose children are joining the school. We hope that the children soon settle down and begin to feel part of the St Bert's Family.

Change to the school finish time - September 2023

Can we please remind parents that our new finishing time at the end of the school day is 3.20pm (rather than the previous 3.15pm). This will apply to all children.

Weather



Just a few summer weather reminders as the forecast for this week is very hot!

The children are encouraged to drink plenty of water and can access water to refill bottles.

It may be a good idea if you can put some sun tan lotion on the children in the morning so that they are protected.

School Shoes

We are becoming increasingly aware that a number of our children are coming into school with trainers, fancy boots, fancy shoes etc. Can we please remind parents that our school uniform is for children to wear black school shoes. Trainers are for outdoor PE only.

The Uniform Policy is available on the school website. Please note children can wear white or black shorts for PE.

Thank You



All the staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents who sent in cards and gifts at the end of last term. We are always overwhelmed and would like to show our appreciation for your kind words and generous gifts.

Lining Up

As you will be aware this yesterday we lined the children up outside school before leading them to their respective classrooms. From now on we will be back to our normal routine whereby the gates will open at 8.45, school doors open at 8.50am for the 'drop and go' system and all the children (apart from our new reception children) will enter the school building via the courtyard.

Reception children need to line up outside the metal shutters near the Early Year's play area.

Delamere Residential

There will be a meeting on Monday 18th September for all Year 3 parents regarding the Delamere residential at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Happy Birthday St Bert's

On 9th September we will be celebrating 41 years since the creation of St Bert's school.

Have you ever wondered who St Bertelina was?

St Bertelina was an English prince and was not behaving himself. As a result, he was sent over to the King in Ireland to learn how to behave like a prince. Whilst there he fell in love with the King's daughter and married her. He brought his wife, who was pregnant, back to England to meet his family. On the way back the baby started to arrive so Bertelina went for help and while he was away his wife was attacked by wolves and he returned to find her dead. He was heartbroken and he decided to return to England permanently and lived as a recluse dedicating his life to serving God.

We now have a Church and a school named after him, where others are encouraged to follow in his footsteps.

Universal Free School Meals

Can we please remind parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 in September, that your child is no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. School meals cost £2.70 and will need to be paid via the Schoolgateway app.

Ear Piercing

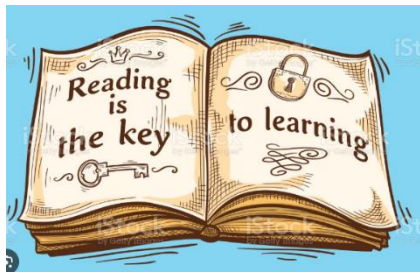
Can we please remind parents that the best time for children to have their ears pierced is in the summer holidays so allowing time for healing. Once the children are back at school they are only allowed to wear gold or silver stud earrings which they must be able to remove themselves for PE. Please note

children are not allowed to do PE wearing plasters covering their earrings, therefore if your child has their ears pierced at any other time of the year (other than the summer holidays) they are missing part of their National Curriculum entitlement.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are very proud of all the children who completed this challenge. Halton Libraries would also like to thank the children and their families, many doing this challenge for the first time. Can we please remind parents to go along to the library to collect their prizes.

Well done everyone and.....keep reading!



Mobile phones in school

Can we please remind parents that should your child be required to bring a mobile phone on the school premises, you need to fill in a Mobile Phone Permission Agreement. Please click the link below:



<https://forms.gle/SjbxB239PwBghJvW7>

Walking home alone

We are aware that some of our Year 5 & 6 children may go home without an adult. Obviously as parents you will have considered whether this is appropriate for

your child and talked about any risks attached.

As a school, we feel we need to know whether you have given permission for your child to walk home alone. Please fill in the form on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HbZJgTikt9c7kVog7>

SIMS/Pay 360/Schoolgateway/Schoolcomms


An email was sent to all parents yesterday with regards to accessing Schoolgateway (Schoolcomms) our new payment system (instructions were attached).

You can now order and pay for your child's school dinner.

All residentials and events that take place in school will also be on the new system for payments to be made.

If you have any difficulties in logging in, please contact the office.

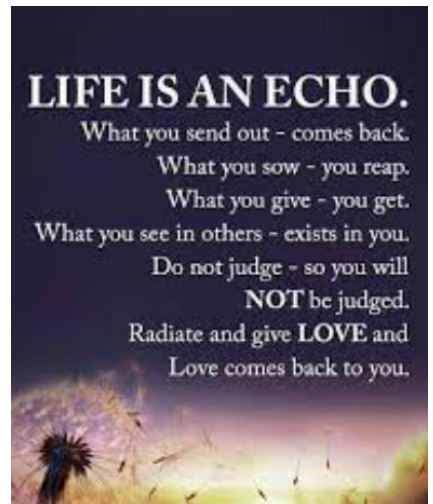
Happy Birthday

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

Imogen Cosgrove
Lincoln Kasingakore
Lily Ackroyd
Felix Smith-Cole
Rylie Smith
Louie Cawley

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Our prayers this week are for our school family as we are once again reunited.

Also, our thoughts are especially for our Year 7 children who have begun their next stage in their education.

Prayers are for Gemma McKnight (one of our Governors) we hope you get better soon.

God Bless