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Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mrs Moss and Mrs Tudor who are talking about their recent walk around the coastal path of Anglesey.

All parents welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Dates for your Diary are attached to this newsletter

Delamere Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 3 children on Monday 18th September 2023 with regards to the Delamere residential in the school hall at 3.30pm.

Invictus Games

One of our former pupils and members of St Bert's families is competing in the 6th Invictus Games in Dusseldorf on 9-16th September. Liam Guatella is competing in the shot put, discus and indoor rowing for Team UK and we are proud to share his story and wish him the best of luck! We hope he will come back and tell us all about how he got on.

New Vicar



We are pleased to announce that we have a part-time Priest in Charge joining St Bertelina's Church.

His name is Danny Sedano. He is married to Jo who works in the NHS and they have two children. His son will be joining Year 1 very soon. He was born in Peru and grew up in Essex. He is looking forward to getting to know everyone soon.

Contacting Teachers

From time to time, it may be necessary to contact your child's class teacher. The easiest way to do this is to have a chat to them at the end of the school day. If this is not possible, then please contact the school office who will ensure your message is relayed and if necessary, a teacher will call you back when they are free.

Individual Photos



This Wednesday, 13th September 2023, the school photographer will be in school to take individual photos and photos with siblings. On this occasion, the photographers intend to start taking photographs from 9.00am onwards.

New parents, please be aware that you can bring in younger siblings who are not of school age to join their brothers and sisters for a photograph. In order to do this, you need to come into the school hall at

8.45am along with your toddlers, babies and other siblings. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are totally confused!

Homework



At St Bert's, we feel that homework is an important component of our school offer. From an early age, children are encouraged to share their reading books with family and a vital home school link is created. As your child gets older, they will be asked to learn spellings, times tables as well as completing tasks/activities that are designed to engage the children and enhance their learning. It is a proven fact that children whose parents actively promote and support home learning/homework achieve greater success in academic learning.

Could we please ask all parents to make a point of encouraging his or her child to complete any home learning/homework, which has been set. If you are ever unsure of how to support your child, then please speak to your child's teacher.

Google Classrooms



Google Classrooms will be up and running

by the end of this week.

Your child's class teacher will be sending you a message to ensure you can access the class page. Please can you respond so the class teacher knows you are receiving class information. Homework, spellings and general messages are posted onto the Google Classrooms weekly and this is a valuable tool for communication with parents. If you have any difficulties logging on, speak to Gill in the office.

Admission to Primary/Secondary Schools

If your child is due to transfer from Primary to Secondary or starting Primary School in September 2024, the Admissions to Secondary School Booklet and the Admissions to Primary School Booklet that explains the arrangements are available at www.halton.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions. (There are no hard copies). It is highly recommended that you read the booklet that is relevant to you and then complete the online application available on the above website.

If you do not have access to the internet, then please visit a Halton Direct Link Office to obtain a form, where you will be given a receipt once you have submitted the form.

Supplementary Forms for Receptions

If applying for St Bertelina's Primary School under the

Church criteria, then supplementary forms confirming church attendance will be available from the school office and need to be returned directly to St Bert's school office.

Open Days for High School

Below are dates for open days for High Schools:

Helsby High School

4th and 6th October 2023
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Sandymoor

19th September 2023 5.00pm - 8.00pm

The Heath

5th October 2023 (time to be confirmed on The Heath website).

OBA

28th September 2023
5.30pm-7.30pm

St Chads

28th September 2023
3.45pm - 6.45pm

Bishops C of E High School, Chester

26th September - 5.45pm - 8.30pm

Earrings

By now you will hopefully know your child's PE days. Please can you ensure that children are able to take out their own earrings for PE. If this is a problem, can parents please ensure that children do not wear earrings on their PE day for health and safety reasons. If you are unsure of your child's PE days, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Residentials

Please note that all residentials except Menai (which will be on soon) are now available on the new School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. You can start to pay as

soon as possible for any of the residentials. By doing this, you will be spreading the cost.

Holiday in Term Time



At present, there is a national effort to raise the school attendance. As a school, we have always had good attendance and been proud to achieve our 97% target. At this moment we are working towards this which means not taking holidays during term time. Please be reminded that our findings indicate that good performance at school is very closely linked to high attendance. We expect the majority of our pupils to have an attendance figure of 97% or above, therefore holiday requests will be unauthorised.

Year 3/4 Nest in the Woods

We had our first Forest Schools session last week where our Year 3 / 4 children enjoyed being 'at one' with nature, picking blackberries to use as a dye. Over the coming weeks, the children will enjoy learning aspects of bush craft, shelter building, tool use and whittling!

Clubs

Football Club

There will be a football club starting next Tuesday after school for Year 5 & 6. A google form will be sent out shortly with consent form and price.

Choir Club

Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Topping will be starting choir. It will be open to years 3-6 and will run each Friday 3:20pm - 4:30pm in

the school hall. Children will need to be collected by a known adult or given permission to walk home alone.

There will be a charge of £3 per child per session in a half term block of £15 for 5 sessions. The dates for choir are as follows:

Block 1:

Friday 29th September

Friday 6th, 13th, 20, 27th

October

Block 2:

Friday 10th, 17th, 24th November

Friday 1st, 8th December

To book a place please email

helen.oneil@stbertelines.co.uk

Once a place has been reserved, please pay via School Gateway (Schoolcomms) which will be available this week. In addition, a google form will be set up this week for with a consent form.

Assemblies

In light of parental feedback, we have changed the format of our Tuesday morning 'Family Worship' so that it no longer includes children bringing in certificates and trophies. Instead, children can bring these to our Friday 'Celebrate and Praise' assembly, which will now be on a Friday afternoon at 2.40pm. Parents are invited to attend this worship if they choose, but please ensure a prompt arrival, as entering the worship once it has started is very disruptive for both the children and adults.

Dinners, Schoolcomms

All year groups are now able to order a school meal on our new system. We have had good feedback from parents saying how easy this system works. Please - if you have not done so, download the app to start ordering and paying

for school meals. Thank you

Uniform

As you are aware we use Stitch Design who supplies our school uniform. Some of our parents have experienced some teething problems. We spoke to the company last week about these problems; they have assured us that any problems will be resolved. If you have any issue please contact, the company direct.

Website Changes

Over the summer holidays, you may have noticed changes to the school website (homepage and dropdown menus). These changes have been made to provide easier access to information on the website; however, this is still work in progress. Over the coming weeks, new information will be added. We hope you like it!

Classroom Support

Do you have any spare time to help in class? We are looking for parent's helpers who are willing to help for an hour or two in the classroom. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Administering Medication

If your child requires medication in school time, parents need to fill in an Administration of Medication Form.

https://www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve_file/19688573.

Please note that school can only administer medication that has been prescribed by the doctor.

MDAs

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you at your happiest when you are busy and purposeful? Are you free to work one and a half ours per day over lunchtime? If so, we would love you to join our team of mid-day assistants. To find our more, please contact the school office.

Please note that the advert will be going live on the Halton Borough Council Website.

Happy Birthday



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

Olivia Jones (11)

James Doyle (9)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Also a belated birthday to one of our new members of St Bert's Cora Johnson was 5 years old last week.

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Our prayers this week are for the people of Morocco who have to deal with the devastation of an earthquake. Also prayers for the Barrow family and the Gray family.

God Bless