

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

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St Bert's News

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9th October 2023

Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Carol Melling. She will be talking to the children about the story of Moses. Parents welcome - 9.15am start.

Welcome!

Can you all please welcome and give your best St Bert's smile to Matt Johnston, who is our new caretaker. Matty will be starting his new role from today,

You may or may not know, that Steve Topping retired last week, and I am sure you would like thank Steve for all his hard work over the years. At our 'Celebrate and Praise' assembly on Friday, we will be saying a formal goodbye to Steve. Parents are welcome to join us.

Harvest Festival

WOW!!! Thank you to everyone who sent in their Harvest gifts last week. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and I am sure the recipients will be equally delighted. Thank you on their behalf.



The produce will be distributed to Halton Haven and the local food bank very shortly.

Safety Central

Our Year 5 had an amazing day last Thursday at Safety Central in Lymm. They learnt some valuable health and safety lessons, including how to dial 999. The children impressed the staff with their general knowledge and impeccable manners - the best school they have had visit so far this year they said! Look out for pictures on the website.

ADDvanced Solutions

This Wednesday (11th October), there will be a coffee morning/drop in session, in the Bubble Room hosted by ADDvanced Solutions - 9.30am - 11.00am.

ADDvanced Solutions are offering advice to families about what they can offer people in Halton.

Safety on the school premises

Please be aware that bikes/ scooters/ heeies are not allowed on the school premises, for health and safety reasons.



Parents' Evening

Parents Evening will take place this Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October 2023. If you have not already booked your appointment slot, or are having difficulty logging into School Spider, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: Mr Ellis'

appointments will be on Tuesday and **THURSDAY**, not Wednesday due to a football fixture, at The Heath.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place this Thursday - 12th October 2023 for all cohorts. Please click on the link below to fill in the e-consent form.

[St Bertelines flu e consent letter 2023.pdf](#)

Mums' Games Afternoon

Our Mums' Games Afternoon will take place on 27th October 2023, starting at 2.30pm. Mums, grandparents and aunties, are more than welcome to bring their own games, or alternatively, there are plenty of games in school.

Swimming Free Crash Course

Active Halton are offering free places on their beginners swimming crash course this October half term. If you are in receipt of benefits and have a child aged between 5 - 11 who cannot swim 10 metres unaided, then you may be eligible to book on one of their free courses. Please email your name, address, contact number, child's name, child's DOB and any health conditions to the address below.

Kingsway Leisure Centre -

Widnes

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd

November 10.30am -11.00am

Please email:

Catherine.fuller@halton.gov.uk

Brookvale Recreation Centre -

Runcorn

Tuesday 31st October - Friday 3rd

November

11.00am - 11.30 am or

11.30am - 12.00pm

Please email:

Emily.dutton@halton.gov.uk

School Disco

Due to popular demand, we are reinstating our school disco! On the 9th November 2023 we have booked the DJ to come back to St. Bert's to entertain the children.

- EYFS/KS1 4.30- 6pm
- KS2 6.30-8pm

£5 a ticket (£3 siblings) to be paid to Schoolcomms.

Tickets include, a DJ with party games, crisps or popcorn and a drink.

Please can children bring their own named, empty drinks bottle. Children can also bring a maximum of £2 to buy sweets.

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/schoolsadm [issions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schoolsadm) (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.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY BY 31ST OCTOBER 2023

Supplementary Forms for Reception

If applying for St Bertelene'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.

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 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.

Clubs

Football Club The Football Club takes place every Tuesday.

Choir Club

Choir Club takes place every Friday.

SEND

Please take a look at our SEND page on the school website. There is lots of information regarding support for families with additional needs.

Football Competitions

Last week our Y 3 and Y4 children took part in the Halton Games Football Competition. Both teams played amazingly well. The Year 3s came third and the Year 4s retained their title as champions, from last year. Well-done all!

Residentials/Delamere

We still have an outstanding balance of £1,170.00 for our residential trip to Delamere. As a matter of URGENCY, please can we ask parents who have not paid to do so as soon as possible as the invoice is now overdue. Please contact the school office if you have difficulties in doing this - thank you.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday goes to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week:



Evelyn Butler-Hughes (11)
Annabel Hill (9)
Charlotte Jones (10)
Zack Rustchynsky (10)
Jude Cannon (5)
Maximum Edgar (11)

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

Communication

From time to time, we understand that you might have worries or concerns about school life, homework, friendships etc. Please come into school and talk

to your child's teacher, who would be happy to help.

WhatsApp groups are not always the best forum to resolve issues. St Bert's staff are always very approachable and supportive. If we are not aware of a situation...we can't help!

Open Day

St Bert's is holding its first Open Days this year for September 2024 starters. The Open Day takes place on:

25th October 2023 1.30pm - 2.30pm or 2pm - 3pm.

8/11/2023 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Please phone the school to make a booking on 01928 719847.

The Open Day is intended to give new parents the opportunity to take a look at what St Bert's has to offer.

Residential Dates

Please be advised of the dates for our forthcoming residential.

Tattenhall

18th - 19th January 2024

Burwardsley

Two groups

Group 1 - 19th - 21st February 2024

Group 2 - 21st - 23rd February 2024 (Your child will be assigned a group nearer the time).

Menai

7th - 10th May 2024

Year 6

TBA

Please note that all residential are now available on the School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the

residential, by doing this, you can spread the cost.

Google Classrooms

Can we please ask parents whose children cannot get onto Google Classrooms to contact the office. Gill will endeavour to reset their password as quickly as possible.

Can we also ask parents to NOT change their child's password as children use this to access equipment in school as part of the IT/ computing curriculum and use their email address and password. Thank you.

Big Conversation

The Big Conversation is a survey which Halton Borough Council are conducting. It is about how we can start to talk and about how together we can make Halton an even better place for people to live, work, visit and grow. Complete the survey before 30th November 2023 to be in with a chance of a winning £100 gift voucher for The Brindley. Use this QR code



or visit

www.halton.gov.uk/thebigconversation.

The Heath Drama Group

One of our children, Isla is performing in a play 'Fantastic Mr Fox' at the Heath Methodist Church on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th October. Tickets can be purchased at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/theheathdramagroup

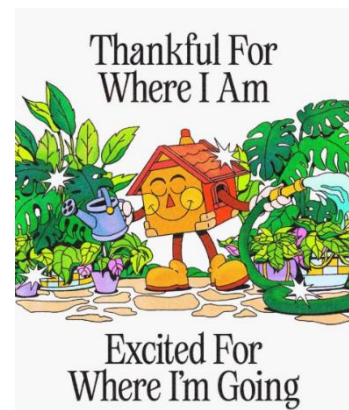
'Futbul Ole' Half Term Football Camp

The renowned Camp Olé is back for the October half term holidays! Drop off 8:50 with collection at 14:50- 15:00 Ages 4 - 12 Sibling discounts available. £80 for all three days £30 daily rate. Medals for all attendees. Camp. Details and how to book, please contact on WhatsApp on 07710432113.

Bee Netball

Halton Minis hold netball clubs for Years 3 - Year 6 on Mondays 5-6pm at Sandymoor High School. All abilities welcome. For any information, please contact haltonnetballclub@gmail.com

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Prayers this week are for the troubles that are taking place throughout the world. Also, prayers for Julie and Steve Topping, as they start to enjoy retired life fully. May God also be with the Griffiths family at this time. God Bless