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4th December 2023

Family Worship

Tomorrow's Family Worship will be led by Mike Wildsmith, who will be talking about Advent.

It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible join us.

Christingle



Our Christingle Service will take place next Tuesday 12th December 2023 and will be led by Mrs Moss and our St Bert's Church vicar, Danny.

The children will be making their Christingles on Monday. If any parents have an hour or two to spare to help make the Christingles with the children, that would be gratefully appreciated.

All parents welcome!

Dates for your Diary

Tattenhall meeting for parents will take place on 8th January 2024 at 3.30pm in the school hall.

This residential is fast approaching. Please make payments as soon as possible via Schoolcomms.

Mad Science Assembly/Club

Mad Science will be coming into school to do an assembly on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 10am.

They will be offering after-school sessions on Thursdays in the new year.

Dates are: 11th Jan, 18th Jan, 25th Jan, 1st Feb, 8th Feb.

More information will follow next week on how to book and pay.

Inclement Weather

In the event of there being a significant amount of snow, the Premises Officer will do his best to clear a gritted path into school and we would encourage all parents and children to stick to the path. However, depending on how bad the weather is, it may be impossible to clear **all paths** leading into school. On these occasions it may be that we will close all gates leading into school except for the main school gate.



We will always do our best to keep the school open. We will make our decision based on:

- early morning weather and road conditions (bearing in mind the steep hill on approach to school)
- the safety of the school site.

the weather forecast for the rest of the day.

If we believe that it is unsafe for pupils or staff to travel to school, or that there will be insufficient staff to supervise pupils once in school, then we will close for the day. **We will always do our best to notify you of any closures by 08.15am when we will email all parents and make an announcement on the school website.**

If during the school day there is a rapid deterioration in weather conditions, we will endeavour to keep the school open until 3.20pm with a skeleton school staff. In such cases, a message may be emailed to parents and posted on the school website and Facebook informing you that you can pick your child up early from school in order to avoid additional congestion at home time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OUT AT PLAYTIME/DINNERTIME IF THEY DO NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR, IE SNOW BOOTS OR WELLINGTONS.

Celebrate and Praise Worship

As per our email sent out last week to all parents, Celebrate and Praise

Worship will not take place until the new year. This is due to our Nativity and Christmas Production rehearsals taking place. Children can still bring in their certificates and trophies on a Friday and these will be celebrated within their class.

Christmas Activities Christmas Nativity/Production

By now your child should have received a note detailing the costume they will need for the forthcoming production.

Costumes for both KS1 and KS2 need to be in school by Thursday 7th December.

Our dress rehearsal day is Friday 8th December.

Tickets and Times

A new google form has been sent out today, Monday 4th December, open for one day it closes at 4pm. You will find out tomorrow if you have been successful.

Please find below the dates and times.

EYFS / KS1 Twinkly Nativity

Monday 11th December - 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December - 1.30pm

KS2 Production 'Christmas Selection Box'

Wednesday 13th December - 1.30pm

Thursday 14th December - 1.30pm

Friday 15th December - 1.30pm

As you can appreciate the office staff are also involved in the Christmas productions, therefore can we please ask that you keep contact to the school office to a minimum.

Please also be aware that unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate late arrivals as once the production starts the children will be in their places and we will not be able to get you seated.

Photos/Videos

We appreciate that parents and grandparents love to take photos and videos of the children.

Unfortunately, due to licensing laws and safeguarding, can we please ask that no photos or videoing takes place. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Donations

As you are aware, we do not charge for tickets to our Christmas production/nativity. However, there will be children at the end of each production with buckets, if parents would like to donate loose change at the end of each production, it would be greatly appreciated. The money raised will go towards much needed reading materials.

Raffles Prizes

We also have a raffle prize to be won on each of the production days. Tickets will be £1 per strip.

Picking siblings up at the end of the Production

We are expecting the KS1 Nativity will take around 45 mins and the KS2 production around 1 hour, but this is not guaranteed. If parents/grandparents would like to pick siblings up, please make sure that your child's class teacher knows. Children will not be allowed

out unless the teacher has prior notice. Thank you.

Parking

On production days, we will be opening the emergency gates at the top roundabout leading onto Norton Lane. The gates will be open from 1.15pm to park on this playground only. Please be aware parking on school premises is at your own risk.

Clubs

Clubs that are finishing this week:

Christmas Craft Club (**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CLUB WILL FINISH AT 4.30PM THIS WEEK**)

Football Club (with Mr Ellis and Craig)

Choir

Clubs finishing next week are:

Recorder Club
Football After School Club (Year 4 Mr Hall)

School Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner takes place this Wednesday.



We do have a vegetarian option on offer too. Free School Meals and all KS1 children receive this dinner free. For any other children the cost is £2.70 and needs to be ordered and paid for on Schoolcomms.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY ORDERS OR MONEY ON THE DAY. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Monday 18th December 2023. This is a special day where all the children and teachers can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper and school trousers / school skirt for a donation of £1 on the day or paid via Schoolcomms. Thank you

Parents Thank You Party



The Parents Thank You Party will be on Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 10.00am - 11.00am. If you have been in school helping or organising events, this party is a 'THANK YOU' to you. Please put it in your diary.

Children's Christmas Party

The Friends of St Bert's will be organising the children's Christmas party. This will take place on Tuesday 19th December 2023. More details to follow.

Christmas Chocolate Bonanza

As in previous years, we will be holding a 'Christmas Chocolate Bonanza.' There will be 4 chocolate hampers to be won:

- Reception
- Year 1 / 2
- Year 3 / 4
- Year 5 / 6

During this week raffle tickets (different colours for each year group) will be sent out to all classes. Please send the stubs and money with your child's name and a mobile telephone number. The hampers will be drawn on Christmas party day.

A huge thankyou to Meg for organising these hampers.

Happy Birthday

We have no birthday celebrations this week.

Residential Dates

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 residentials are now available on the School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the residentials, by doing this, you can spread the cost.

Halton Carer's Centre

This is for adult and young carers who support and look after family/friends with a long term disability.

Link to their newsletter below offering support such as courses, pamper sessions, coffee mornings etc.

<https://tinyurl.com/HCCAutumnnewsletter>

Halton Carer's have 2 fantastic workshops for parent carers coming up in Feb/March 24- these include a **Tourettes/Tic workshop** for parent carers being hosted by Tourettes, If you wish to book on this extremely informative workshop please ask Liz Tudor (SENDCo) and she will refer you.

The second workshop follows on from the very successful workshop they held last year - **Sensory Workshop** hosted by Shine Therapy, this workshop will be a full day event for parents to attend (date to be confirmed but will be a Sat) If you would like to attend these please ask Liz Tudor (SENDCo) and she will refer you.

Save the Date : Coffee morning in school on Wednesday 24th January at 9.15am where Halton Carer's Centre will be attending to explain more about who they are and what support they can offer you and your children.

Quote of the Week



Today the first candle of Advent was lit in school. This candle symbolises 'HOPE'.

It represents the hope that Jesus coming was going to offer the world. Today more than ever we need to cling to that promise of hope that Jesus offers.

Hope forever tells us that tomorrow will be better

Lamentations 3:22-23

Prayers

Our prayers this week are for all those who are sad, lonely, frightened or worried for one reason or another at this Advent time. We hope that they feel God's love and comfort surrounding them. God Bless!

