

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

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## St Bert's News

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11th December 2023

### Family Worship



This week's Family Worship will be our annual Christingle service. The service will follow its normal pattern, the first part in the hall followed by a second part in the children's classroom.

The children have today made their Christingles ready for tomorrow. The smell throughout the school was fabulous. A big thank you to our parent helpers who came into school this morning to lend a hand.

Please feel free to take part in our worship on Tuesday morning and join. We look forward to seeing you!

### Twinkly Nativity and St Bert's Selection Box

The children have been practising hard for both productions and are looking forward to entertaining you this week.

There will be an opportunity to buy some raffle tickets or make a donation to St Bert's school fund on the day.

Parking for visitors coming to watch both productions will be on the games yard at the far end of the school. The fire gates will be open from 1.05pm. Both productions will start at 1.30pm. After parking your vehicle, please

proceed to the small courtyard entrance by the office where you will hand in your ticket. Please do not turn up if you do not have a ticket. The Nativity is approximately 45 minutes long and the St Bert's Selection Box is around 1 hour. Parents who are watching are free to take their children early. If you wish to pick up your child following the productions, please wait in the school hall and your child will be brought to you. PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR CHILD TO THEIR CLASSROOM. Siblings are also free to go home after the productions are finished. Please make sure that your child's class teacher knows. Children will not be allowed out unless the teacher has prior notice.

### Dates and Times

Please find below the dates and times.

#### EYFS / KS1 Twinkly Nativity

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

#### KS2 Production 'Christmas Selection Box'

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Dates for your Diary

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

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

### End of School Day

Due to the playground being very busy and it starting to become darker, can we please ask parents to keep their children with them once they have been dismissed by their class teacher. We have noticed children are re-entering the school building unsupervised without any teachers being aware. Thank you.

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## **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.**

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## **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.

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## **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.**

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## **Clubs**

**Clubs finishing this week are:**

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

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## **Mad Science Assembly/After School Club**

The children were fascinated when Mad Science came into school for an assembly. Flyers have been handed out to all children. If you wish to take part in the Mad Science after school club, please register by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. To sign up please go to [northengland.madscience.org](http://northengland.madscience.org)

Or telephone 01772 628844

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## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Parents Thank You Party**



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

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.

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## **Children's Christmas Party**

The Friends of St Bert's will be organising the children's Christmas party. This will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. You will receive an email today with more details.

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## **Christmas Chocolate Bonanza**

Tickets have been sent out to all classes for our 'Christmas Chocolate Bonanza.' Please send in your money and stubs with

your child's name and a mobile number. Thank you.

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### Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our non-uniform day.

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### Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to Zena and staff for a lovely Christmas Lunch - it was enjoyed by all the children and staff!

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### Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday goes to the following children who celebrate their

birthdays this week over the Christmas period:

Lucie Knowles (11)  
Miley McLean-Smith (11)  
Mila Godinho (5)

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

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### Residential Dates

#### Tattenhall

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Burwardsley

Two groups  
Group 1 - 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

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

#### Menai

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 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.

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### Stationery

A large number of children are running out of stationery as they have been working so hard this half term. Please could parents ensure their KS2 child has a working fountain pen (blue) and a

red and black fine liner when they return in January.

A worthy stocking filler!

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### Free School Meals Vouchers

Just to make you aware that families in receipt of benefit free school meals will receive a supermarket voucher for £24 send directly to their email address within the next week or two.

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### End of Term

#### Church Service - End of term

There will be a service in school on Wednesday 20th December at 10.00am as St Bert's Church is undergoing building work. Vicar Danny will join us in school to lead this service. Just a reminder that as a Church of England school, all children are expected to join us in celebrating the Christian festival of Christmas. We do lots of activities to celebrate Christmas and our church service is very much an integral part of our celebrations. You are free to pick your child up from school following the service. School finishes at 12.00 noon, (12.30pm for those requiring a benefit free school meal). If this is the case, could you please let the office know before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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### Happy Christmas

As this is our last newsletter for 2023 we sincerely hope that you all enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas time with your friends and family. As always this has been a busy year at St Bert's and we wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to 2024 with renewed energy!!

We look forward to seeing you  
back at school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 2024.

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### Quote of the Week



We will be lighting  
the second candle  
of our Advent  
wreath.

As this is our last newsletter, we  
remember our Advent Prayer

Dear God, as we light each  
blessing of Jesus come to us,  
warming our hearts and  
brightening our way. Give us  
HOPE for the future, PEACE in  
the world, LOVE and kindness  
for those around us and JOY as  
we wait to celebrate the  
birthday of Jesus. Amen

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### Prayers

Special prayers this week are for  
us all. Let's hope that we don't  
get unnecessarily stressed by all  
the list making and present  
buying and instead remember the  
true meaning of Christmas  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!  
God Bless!

