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St Bert's News

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25th March 2024

Family Worship

Tomorrow, our worship will be led by Mrs O'Neil, Mrs Topping and our St Bert's choir singing songs from 'David's Rock, Goliath's Roll'. Vicar Danny is making an appearance as Goliath!

It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible join us for our family worship. The children would love to have you present.

Building Work

As you may have noticed, our school office has now been moved to what was the Bubble Room. The office staff will be in there until all the building work is completed, which we envisage will take around 12 weeks.

We would like to advise all parents that as from Monday 15th April 2024 drop off and pick up will be as normal. During school hours, access to the school will be via the side gate on Norton Lane. Then entering the building will be through the side door (the old pre-school door).

Mobile Phones

At St Bert's we do not expect our children to need a phone in school. However, in some instances, and to prepare children for the next step in

their independence when going to High School, there may be occasions when they do. If this is the case, parents must complete the mobile phone form (see below) and the phone must be handed to the class teacher for the day.

Dogs outside School Premises

Can we please ask parents who stand outside the school gates with dogs to be respectful of children and adults who are scared of dogs.

Thank you for your understanding.

School Dinners

We have been advised by Halton Borough Council that as from 1st April 2024, there will be an increase in the price of a school dinner. The new price is £2.90.

Odd Sock Day (Down Syndrome Day)

Thank you for your contributions and the effort everyone made wearing odd socks last week. We will let you know after the holiday how much was raised. Well done everyone!

Academy Photos

Academy Photos will be in school on Wednesday 17th April 2024 to take class photos and Year 6 leavers photos and books.

School Dinner

Due to half day finish on Thursday, Zena has changed the school menu. She will be serving Fish and Chips and Pizza and Chips on Wednesday 27th March. If you have already ordered for the week, don't worry it will be taken off SIMS. Thank you.

Pretty Muddy Race

Four of our children, Wilson, Arthur, Ben and Will are taking part in a Pretty Muddy Race to raise money for cancer research. If you would like to donate, please click on the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/runcorn-linnets-yellow-u9s>

Measles, mumps a rubella vaccinations



Easter Egg Nests for Sale



We will be selling nest egg cakes today for £1.00

Thank you to the Friends of St Bert's for making the delicious nest egg cakes.

Easter Egg Competition

We hope you have been working very hard over the



weekend on your creations for our Easter Egg Competition. You still have time to come up with some eggciting, eggshibits.

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each year group. So get your eggstraordinary ideas eggcized!! Please bring all eggshibits into school on Wednesday morning.

Judging will take also place on Wednesday morning.

Grandparents Afternoon

This Wednesday we will be holding our annual Grandparents Afternoon. Grandparents are welcome to come along to school at 2.00pm. There will be a raffle and brief entertainment prior to being able to visit the children.

The children will be doing guided tours of the school and will be able to share their school work with their Grandparents.

Grandparents will be allowed to take the children home from 3pm. We hope as many Grandparents will be able to join us.

Easter Bunny Secret Stash Raffle

Thank you to those children who have sent in their Secret



Stash raffle tickets and money. Raffle tickets for our forthcoming Easter Secret Stash

raffle will be handed out tomorrow. We have a EYFS/KS1 stash and a KS2 stash. If you require any more, please contact the office. You have to be in it to win it! Tickets are £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March 2024.

Residentials

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7th - 10th May 2024. Please note that an email was sent out to all year 5 parents whose children are going on this residential. There will be a short meeting for all parents and children on Wednesday 17th April at 3.30pm in the school hall. Please do your best to attend as important information will be given out.

Outstanding balances

A reminder that we still have outstanding balances on the recent residential trips.

Swimming

Mr O'Neill's class will be swimming each Friday afternoon. The last session will be on 19th April 2024.

Wrap Around Care

The Governors at St Berteline's have been looking at the option of running a 'Wrap around Childcare Programme' at school. This aim coincides with the governments ambition, that by 2026 all parents and carers of primary school aged children who need it, will be able to access term time child care in their local area. This programme is designed to support the initial set up of wraparound provision where there is a clear demand. This would need to be self-sustaining and therefore, to establish if this is the case, there is a link below for parents to complete a short survey which

should only take a few moments. This survey will help to identify supply and demand mapping data and the likely future demand for places. We encourage all of our parents to fill in the survey, the data collected will be shared with school.

Link for Parental Wraparound Survey -

<https://forms.office.com/e/3Fqw15SYaE>

Kooth

In April, Kooth are running webinars specifically to **help parents and carers with children sitting exams**. This support is available, especially if you are worried about your child's anxiety. Please click on the links below.

[Mon 22 Apr. 1-2pm](#)

[Thu 25 Apr. 6-7pm](#)

Clubs

Last Easter Craft Club this week.

Cricket

Runcorn Junior Cricket Club (RJCC) are looking for new players for the upcoming season, in particular those in the Under 9s age group (school year 4 and below). Sessions start outdoors at Runcorn Sports Club from April 15th onwards. For more information, please contact Junior Coordinator Gareth Moorhouse via email at garethcheshirecricket@gmail.com

Absence

Can we please remind parents that if your child is unable to attend school due to illness the following procedure should take place:

- School to be contacted on first day of absence to provide a reason for non-attendance using our answerphone service for Attendance (select option 2) or alternatively via School Spider.
- Update the school on the third day of non-attendance if the absence is expected to continue.
- Lastly a letter explaining why your child has been absent from school.

Champion Kids Camp



Easter Holiday Club



Swimming



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday goes to the following children who celebrated their birthday this week:



Charlie Martin (7)
 Ethan Dunham (10)
 Laurna Jones (9)
 Jakub Pazdziorko (7)
 Evie Dorr (9)
 Skyler Roberts (9)
 James Walker-Ford (10)

Also, congratulations to those children who celebrate their birthday over the Easter holidays.

Sofia Watson (5)
 Zachary Ackroyd (7)
 Elliott Doran (8)
 Ivy O'Sullivan (8)
 Teddy Connor (7)
 William Talbot (9)
 Jenson Saunders (11)
 Kian Collier (10)
 Harry Ward (6)
 Finlay Gray (8)
 Zara Hughes (9)

We hope you have a wonderful day.

Morris Dancing



Halton Libraries

Please see below a link to Halton Libraries. Halton Libraries are hosting different activities during April. [April Events | Halton Libraries \(haltonbc.info\)](#)

Short Breaks Service for children with Disabilities

This week's Short Breaks Service Newsletter has information and updates. Please click the link below for you more information. (<https://localoffer.haltonchildrenstrust.co.uk/>).

Gymnastics

Two of our girls Harper and Miley are doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for the World Gymnastics Competition. There is a just giving page so if anyone would like to sponsor them it would be very much appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wga-MoelFamau?utm_term=4qyN4P8P

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End of Half Term

This is our last newsletter before Easter. We will be finishing school on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 12.00pm, 12.30pm if your child receives a free (eligible) school meal.

ALL children are expected to be in school on that day.

Easter Services at St Bert's Church



Quote of the Week



Prayers

May God bless you at Easter,
and keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it
takes,
to make your dreams come true.
May his love and wisdom always
help,
to guide you on your way.
May his light shine down upon you
now,
to bless your Easter Day.

Also, prayers for Mrs Dix and
Mrs Burton
God Bless