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St Bert's News

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Happy St David's Day! We hope that the beautiful weather, the

sight of the spring flowers and the promise of school re-opening is lifting your spirits.

Re-opening of school

As you are aware, the Governors have agreed that on Monday 8th March 2021 all children who attend St Bert's are invited back into school.

The children will be using the same entrance and exit gates as were used in the Autumn term. The times of starting and finishing will remain as in the Autumn term.

Could we please ask all parents to revisit the Covid Home school agreement which we implemented in September. Until further notice we will be following these procedures and we will expect all families to adhere to these rules in order to protect each other.

We look forward to seeing the children's smiley faces and would like to point out that our main priority is to settle the children back into the school routine, to meet any emotional needs which may have arisen as a result of the pandemic, as well as assess their learning needs and ensure they are being met.

Communication

Teachers will now be committed to working full time in the school environment (unless a bubble is closed due to Covid). As a result, teachers will not be freely available to respond to emails.

Could we please ask that normal communication is reinstated via the school office who will pass on any messages to the relevant teacher.

The teachers will still be available via email but a response cannot be guaranteed immediately.

Parents Evening

We are currently discussing how we are going to organise our Parent's Evenings this year and will share our decisions as soon as possible.

Permission Forms

Could we please remind parents that should their child need to bring a mobile phone into school, or if their child is to have permission to walk home alone, they need to fill in the relevant permission forms which are available from the school office.

COVID Figures Week 1

The figures below reflect our current Covid situation. Obviously the figures pertain to the date and time of publishing this newsletter.

0 children have had a positive test result since Christmas.
0 children are awaiting test results

0 child currently isolating (external contact)

0 staff members have had a positive test result since Christmas

0 staff are awaiting test results.
1 member of staff is shielding.

COVID PCR Tests

The Government have recently identified further symptoms (in addition to the persistent cough, the temperature and the lack of taste or smell) which they would like to trigger a Covid PCR Test. These triggers are:

- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New persistent fatigue
- A persistent headache
- Muscle or body ache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

If you have a combination of any of these wider symptoms you are encouraged to go for a Covid PCR test. See Government website for further details.

World Book Day

In 2021 World Book Day, just like everything else, will be a little different. World Book Day takes place this Thursday 4th March 2021.



When the children return to school next Monday they will receive a World Book day token which can be spent on a book of

your child's choice (offer available until 28th March).

World Book day is an opportunity to explore the pleasure of reading. TV and computer games take up so much of our children's leisure time that the simple pleasure of reading can be overlooked. Reading is the only entertainment medium which is also a life skill and it's one of the best gifts you can give to your child; so let's all support World Book Day!

Research has proven that keen readers :-

- Read, write and concentrate better
- Process new information more easily
- Have many and varied interests
- Do well in a wide variety of school subjects
- Are more flexible thinkers and are more open to new ideas
- Deal with personal problems better
- Are well equipped to deal with the internet and social media

Chat Health

Chat Health is an anonymous digital messaging service where parents can text their Health Visitor or School Nurse to receive help and support quickly and safely. The dedicated Halton Parent Line number is 07480635988. By simply texting the number, one of the dedicated professionals will get back to you. For more information chathealth.nhs.uk

Fit4Life

There are a number of bitesize sessions relating to various childhood issues including, fussy eating and snacking, mental health and well-being, sleep and screens.

Please visit HIT@halton.gov.uk to book a place.

Happy Birthday



First of all apologies to Holly Tasker and Joshua Burke who both became 'double digit dudes' last week. Unfortunately our new Business Manager (Heather) was not quite familiar with the office software and missed them off the list! She is mortified.

This week we would like to wish happy birthday to:

Maisie Wildish (8)
Nathan Simpson (11)
Penelope Garratt (6)
Janey Knowles (8)
Eva Mitchell (7)
Grace Griffin (6)

We hope you all have a lovely time celebrating your lockdown birthdays.

Quote of the Week

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

Charles W. Eliot

Prayers

Once again our prayers are for all those who are suffering as a result of Covid including our Chair of Governors Lesley and

her husband David. We hope you feel better soon.

In addition our hearts go out to all those who are suffering from bereavement and the loss of somebody they love. We hope that God wraps his arms around you and brings you comfort.

God Bless!