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St Bert's News

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Family Assembly

Today's Family Assembly was led by Mrs O'Neil who talked to the children about Faith and how it can grow and change as we journey through life.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

Philippines 4:13

Cake Sale

Thank you to all staff and governors who contributed to our mammoth cake sale, the proceeds of which (approx. £900) will go towards our plans to remember Jack. Thank you so much to everyone who bought cakes and for your very generous donations.

Admissions

All children due to start school in September should now have received a letter indicating whether or not they have been successful in gaining a place at St Bert's. Successful families will shortly receive another letter inviting them to a meeting at school on Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7.00pm. We look forward to welcoming them.

You will all be pleased to know that despite the budget cuts we will be maintaining 11 classes in the coming academic year.

Brand New x-Box 1

One of our families has kindly donated a brand new

x-Box 1 which they would like us to use to raise funds in memory of Jack. The x-Box 1 is worth a considerable amount of money and therefore we are planning to sell raffle tickets at a cost of **£5 per strip** (or £1 per ticket). Raffle tickets will be sent out tomorrow.

The raffle will be drawn once 300 tickets have been sold. Please send your money and tickets to school in a named envelope. Thank you.

London

The Year 6 trip to London is fast approaching, can we please ask for any outstanding monies to be paid to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



St Chad's

The new head of St Chad's Joint Faith High School, Mr Michael Paziuk will be visiting St Bert's on

Wednesday of this week. Please make him very welcome and put on your best St Bert's smile.

Elections



This Thursday 5th May 2016 will be local council elections. On

this occasion we will be using Mrs O'Neil's classroom for the voting (Mrs O'Neil's class will be using the upstairs classroom). As a result the end playground will become a car park from 8am until 8pm on Thursday evening. As the gates will be open and there will be moving vehicles, could we please ask that you enter and leave the school premises by the normal routes unless you are coming in to vote.

Attendance/Holidays in Term Time

It is vitally important that parents avoid taking holidays in school time and that days off are purely as a result of sickness. Please refer to our Leave of Absence Policy on the school website. If you require leave of absence for your child, please call into the school office and collect a Leave of Absence form.

Can we also remind parents that if your child is not attending school for any reason, parents must in the first instance telephone school and leave a message on the answerphone and secondly send in a letter to your child's class teacher explaining your child's absence. Thank you.

School Menus

From today we have an exciting new Summer school menu. We have a variety of hot and cold yummy dinners, (jackets only available on Wednesday) so why not try and see for yourself. The menus will be available by the end of this week on the school website.

Cash4Clothes

Thank you to everyone who sent in bags of clothes. We are awaiting a final figure regarding the money raised.

Date for your Diary

Please note the date for our Summer Fair will be 7th July 2016. We will be having a Friends of St Bert's Meeting to discuss forthcoming events. We will let you know shortly.

Words of Warning

A recent newsletter from our local Police force highlighted a couple of issues of which you may wish to be aware.

. Many sheds and garages are targeted by burglars at this time of the year. Please lock up your garden machinery, especially lawn mowers and strimmers.

. Please report any fly tipping with vehicle details to the Police. Apparently there have been a number of cases in our local woods.

. Please report any sightings of off road bikes making a nuisance of themselves or being used in pedestrianised areas.

. Please be vigilant when leaving your property ensuring all windows and doors are locked and removing internal window and door keys wherever possible. A recent burglary took place on Norton Hill.

. Please be aware of two males selling fish from door to door. They are demanding large amounts of money, particularly from the elderly.

If you wish to report any suspicious circumstances whatsoever, call 101.

Quote for the Week

"FAMILY - where life begins and love never ends"

Given by Sophie Marsh.

Thank you Sophie.

Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts continue this week for the Martin Family and Jack's family. We are all thinking about you. God Bless!

