

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

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## St Bert's News

Website [www.stbertelines.org.uk](http://www.stbertelines.org.uk)

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### Family Worship

Family Worship this week will be led by Mrs O'Neil. She will be talking to the children about the famous author Roald Dahl as tomorrow is National Roald Dahl Day!

Please feel free to take part in our worship and join us afterwards for coffee and a chat in the staff room. We look forward to seeing you!

### Trip to Oklahoma

We have just received details that one of our Year 5 children, Elodie, will be making a special trip to the USA on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.



Elodie is currently very poorly and she will be making the visit to America in order to receive pioneering treatment which is not available in this country. Elodie will be travelling with her mum and dad. The treatment and flights will be paid for by the NHS. As we can all imagine, it seems totally unfair that Maddie, Elodie's sister should remain in England for the 10 weeks her family are away. With this in mind, we would desperately like to raise some money to support the family to allow Maddie to accompany them. In addition the family will have living costs incurred whilst away and these will no doubt accrue to a substantial amount.

Time is limited, so we have planned a Giant Cake Sale to take place a week tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> September. All cakes will be donated or made by staff and governors at St Bert's. We are asking that the children, in exchange for cakes and biscuits, will make a worthy donation towards Elodie's special trip.

Thank you in advance for supporting Elodie and her family at this very difficult time in their lives.

### Welcome to our new PPA and Supply Teacher

We offer a warm welcome to a new member of the St Bert's team - Katie Davidson. Mrs Davidson will be covering Supply and PPA time. Please give her a welcome smile and make her feel at home.

### Congratulations



Congratulations go to Andy O'Neill. Andy proposed to his fiancé Suzanne in the summer holidays whilst they were on holiday in Spain (he's such a romantic!) We wish them all the very best for their future lives together and look forward to a super wedding!

### Residential Visits

Listed below are the forthcoming residential visits and approximate costs.

Delamere 1  
26th - 28th Sept - £104.00  
Delamere 2  
5th - 7th Oct - £104  
Tattenhall  
24th - 25th Jan £60  
Beeston/Burwardsley  
1st - 3rd March £110

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8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May £280  
London - TBA

Please can we encourage you to obtain a savings card from the office.

### Delamere Meeting - Y3

Delamere meeting for parents of Year 3 children in Mrs Dippnall's class, takes place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 3.30pm in Mrs Dippnall's bay. The meeting for Mr O'Neill's class will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016.

### Fairtrade Geo Bars

Geo bars will be sold again on Thursday break times starting this Thursday. Bars are 40p each.

### Open Evening

St Chad's Joint Faith School is holding an open evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 4.00pm - 7.30pm. The Headteacher's address will be at 5.30pm and 7.00pm.

### St Chad's Look Around

St Bert's parents have been offered the opportunity to look around St Chad's Joint Faith High School from 9.15am till 10.30am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This will be a normal school day so that parents can gain a true impression of the school.

Please inform St Bert's if you intend to visit. (Other opportunities will be available on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - again let us know if you intend visiting)

### Individual Photos

This Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 the school photographer will be in school to take individual portraits of the children as well as family groups. On this

occasion the photographers intend to start taking photographs from 08.30am onwards. New parents, please be aware that you can bring in younger siblings who are not of school age to join their brothers and sisters for a photograph at the start of the photograph session, ie 8.30am.

Can we please ask parents to make sure their children bring in a red cardigan or jumper, even if the weather is warm. Thank you.

### **St Bert's Church**

St Bert's Church is holding a Barn Dance at Sandymoor Community Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016. 7.30pm-11.30pm. Food available - Pulled Pork supper or vegetarian alternative. Tickets £10 or £7.50 Concessions (over 65 or unwaged). For tickets please contact Carole on 01928 898712

### **St Bert's Church Services**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016  
9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
8.30am - Holy Communion  
9.30am - Family Service

All welcome.

### **How to help your child - Times Tables**

This week we would like to focus on times tables.

From around Year 2 children begin to

formally learn their times tables.

Usually starting with the easy ones 5, 10 and 2 times table.

Time spent counting in 2's, 5's and 10's as well as reciting the times tables is time well spent.

Once the children have a sound understanding of the multiplication sign, they can progress to the more difficult tables. If you need any help



please come in and speak to your child's teacher.

### **100 Club**

Can we remind you about our 100 club. One of our parents Kate Wilcox kindly organises our 100 club. The idea is that you buy a number for £10 for the year. Each month a number will be drawn out (during Family Assembly) and the winning number will receive £50. If you would like to buy a number, then please approach Kate in Family Assembly, or see Gill in the office.

### **Volunteers**

This term we would very much like to encourage as many parents as possible to support our class teachers first thing in the morning. We have a number of children who need daily reading practice in order to progress and develop their reading ability. If there are any parents or grandparents who could spare approximately 20 mins every morning to listen to a child read, then please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Barron.

### **Mid-day Assistant**

From time to time we need individuals to stand in for our Mid-day Assistants. If you enjoy working with children, have lots of patience and a cheery smile, and think you would be interested in this type of work, then please come into the school for further details.

### **Change in Home School**

#### **Agreement Forms**

Upon starting school, all parents signed a Home School Agreement Form. Please note that we have recently amended our form to include giving permission for your child to go into the locality of the school with their teacher on an ad hoc basis. We will assume all parents are happy to give permission for this to occur unless we hear otherwise.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Dates for your Diary will be attached to this week's newsletter.

### **Football**

Runcorn Linnets Girls are inviting girls in Years 1-5 to join them for football training. For more information contact Stuart Graham on 07903 950 318.

### **Family Futures**

Get up and join in with Family Futures! Being healthy is a big deal for you and your family. Not eating the right foods or not being active can result in increased health risks and weight gain.

Family Futures is a free community based programme for families in Halton with children aged 2 to 16 who are above their ideal weight. For more information contact [www.5boroughspartnership.nhs.uk](http://www.5boroughspartnership.nhs.uk)

### **Quote of the Week**

"The time is always right to do the right thing"

### **Martin Luther King**

#### **Prayers**

Prayers this week are for Mrs Tudor who is recuperating following a recent operation and also for Elodie and her family as they prepare for their imminent visit to the USA.



God Bless!