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St Bert's News

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Welcome to week 4 of the Summer term. We hope you are now benefitting from the easing of some restrictions and life is taking on a brighter hue!

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme for this week is '5 Ways to Wellbeing'. These are a set of pillars which are key to improving our mental health.

Across the week, why not take part in building some small yet effective activities into your daily lives to feel more positive and able to get the most out of life!

During this week the children will be taking part in an assembly focussing on the 5 ways to wellbeing which are listed below.

- [Connect](#)
- [Be Active](#)
- [Take Notice](#)
- [Keep Learning](#)
- [Give](#)

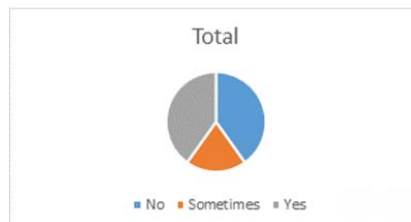
Parents Survey

Following on from the recent governor survey (relating to early Friday) a number of parents have requested some data feedback.

147 families responded to the survey. The percentage responses are listed below:

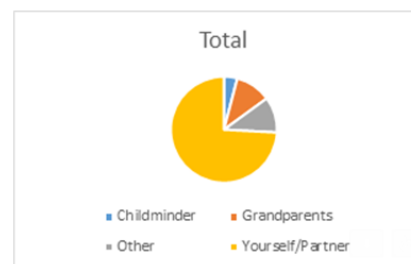
Would you consider childcare is an issue for you under the current arrangements?

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No	40%
Sometimes	20%
Yes	40%



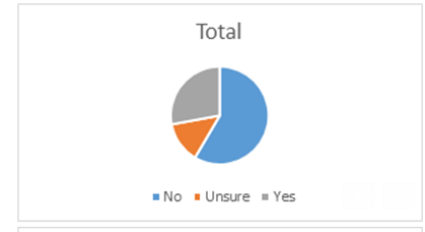
Who has looked after your child/children on a Friday afternoon during the current arrangements?

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Childminder	4%
Grandparents	11%
Other	11%
Yourself/partner	74%



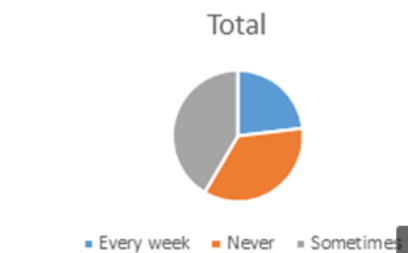
Would you be in favour of St Bert's changing their hours to early closure on a Friday indefinitely?

	%
No	59%
Unsure	14%
Yes	28%



Would you personally use free/subsidised child care, on a Friday, if it was provided?

	%
Every week	23%
Never	35%
Sometimes	41%



Start/Finish Times

As you are aware the strategy used during Covid will no longer be in place following the half term holiday.

All children will be in school on a Friday afternoon. Nevertheless with the restrictions in place we still need to operate a staggered start and finish time for all our pupils. With this in mind we have decided to continue to use the allocated gates but to change the timing for arrival and departure so as to continue to avoid unnecessary contact and maintain class bubble.

From the half term holiday (until we have further guidance from the Government) all Reception and KS1 children will start school at 8.50am and finish at 3.05pm. All KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will start school at 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm. This will allow a 10 minute time lapse between individual classes arriving at and departing from school.

Childminders may continue to use Pat's Palace as a meeting venue for the children in their care.

Please be reminded that any parents who wish their children to walk home alone need to fill in a consent form (available from the school office).

Mrs Dix

Later on next half term Mrs Dix will be returning from her maternity leave. Initially Mrs Dix will not have a class responsibility but will be supporting the other teachers in their work. We look forward to welcoming her back and hope that she won't miss her boys too much!

Nazareth Orphanage Uganda 2021



Give a quid... to help a kid



Wow!! What a fantastic response from everyone. Mrs O'Neill would like to thank you all so much for your generosity and kind words. The appeal will continue until the end of the half term. There will be a special assembly after the holidays where Mrs O'Neil will let the

children know how much was raised.

God bless you for your love and support.

Google Classroom

Can we please ask our KS1 parents to please check Google Classroom for information and activities that are taking place (especially after school clubs).

PSHE/Relationships and Sex Education

As mentioned previously, we will be delivering aspects of the above during the summer term. Our policies on PSHE and RSE have recently been reviewed and are now available on our school website.

Please be reminded that should you have any concerns regarding the content or delivery of this aspect of the curriculum, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher

Class Photographs

This Wednesday our Reception Children and KS1 children will be having their class photos retaken. If you have already sent in your photograph order, don't worry your order will stand with the new photograph.

Assessment

Just to inform you that this half term the children will be involved in internal summative assessments and tests. The format of these differs from year to year. The information gleaned from these tests will be used to inform future planning for teaching and learning and thus impact on the progress of your child.

Please do your best to make sure your children get plenty of sleep so that they are bright and bushytailed ready for their tests!

Bikeability Week (10th - 14th May 2021)

This week our Year 5 children will be taking part in Bikeability.

We hope they have a fantastic time learning about the highway code and how to safely ride a bike on the road.



MDA and Site Manager

We are currently advertising for individuals who may be interested in the above posts. All adverts related to work at St Bert's are on the Halton Borough Council website.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to the following children:

Archie Bradshaw (11)
Amira Parkinson (11)
Alexandra Lyon (7)
Evelyn Parkinson-Kelly (6)
Frankie Morgan (5)
Maisy Shorrocks (11)
We hope you enjoy your special day.

Quote of the Week

In light of it being Mental Health Awareness Week we thought the following quote was very apt!

"The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly."
Buddha

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers this week are for all those suffering quietly with mental health issues. Please remember we are always here for a chat!