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St Bert's News

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to 2017! We hope you have a happy, prosperous and, most of all, a healthy new year.

Dates for your Diary

Dates for your Diary will be published next week.

Thank you!

The staff have asked me to thank you all for all your good wishes and beautiful gifts they received over the Christmas season. They are always overwhelmed with your generosity.

Christmas Production

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to see the children in our annual school production. We asked for loose change after each of our production performances and along with the raffles we raised just over £1,400.00. This will go towards our new hall curtains. Thanks again to Friends of St Bert's, makeup artists and parents for all their hard work and support during the last week of term.

Year 6 Maths Booster Club

Year 6 Maths booster club will start next Wednesday 11th January 2017. More information to follow.

Tattenhall Hall Meeting

Tattenhall Meeting will take place tomorrow Thursday 5th January 2017 at 3.30pm in Mrs Burton's classroom at the end of the school.

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. Thank you!

Hair Cuts/Hair Adornments

Long hair should be tied up during school time. Hair adornments should be black, white, grey or red. Please keep the glitzy adornments for the weekend. Thank you.

Can we remind parents that boys should not have their hair cut too short (No. 2 being the shortest) nor have patterns/tramlines shaved into their hair. The idea is that the boys look smart, tidy and presentable and school doesn't become a fashion competition.

Ear Piercing

Can we please remind parents that the best time for girls to have their ears pierced is in the summer holidays so allowing time for healing. Once the children are back at school they are only allowed to wear gold or silver stud earrings which they must be able to remove themselves for PE. Please note children are not allowed to do PE wearing plasters covering their ears.

Admission to Primary Schools

The closing date for the receipt of preference forms **on-line is Sunday 15th January 2017**. If you know of anybody who will be applying for a place could you please suggest that they arrange a school visit this term if they haven't already done so.

Supplementary Forms

If applying under the church criteria, then supplementary forms confirming church attendance need to be returned directly to St Bert's school office.

Snow Warning

It is coming to that time of year when we sometimes get caught out by unforeseen weather conditions.



We will always do our best to keep the school open. We will make our decision based on:

- . early morning weather and road conditions (bearing in mind the steep hill on approach to school)
- . the safety of the school site.
- . the weather forecast for the rest of the day.

If we believe that it is unsafe for pupils or staff to travel to school, or that there will be insufficient staff to supervise pupils once in school, then we will close for the day. **We will always do our best to notify you of any closures by 08.00am when we will make an announcement on the school website.**

If during the school day there is a rapid deterioration in weather conditions, we will endeavour to keep the school open until 3.15pm with a skeleton school staff. In such cases, a message may be posted on the school website informing you that you can pick your child up early from school in order to avoid additional congestion at home time.

The premises officer will do his best to clear a gritted path into school and we would encourage all parents and children to stick to the path. However, the lane alongside school is often ungritted, so please proceed with caution.

Tuck Shop

As part of our commitment to supporting Fairtrade, our tuck shop takes place every Thursday playtime offering Geo Bars at 40p each. Please send in the correct money if possible.

Free School Meals

All children in **Key Stage 1** are entitled to a Free School Meal.

We have listed below a few reminders:

- . menus are on the website
- . jacket potatoes are not available every day.
- . parents of children with allergies need to liaise directly with Zena (the cook).
- . **children cannot order meals on a day to day basis (ie no more Fish Finger Friday).**

Any parents of children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in receipt of any benefits which will entitle you to free school meals will still need to fill in a form from Halton Borough Council so that the Council are aware of the criteria under which you qualify for a meal. Please see Gill if you have any queries.

School Dinners

School dinners for this term amount to £67.20. Cheques need to be made payable to Halton Borough Council. Can all monies be sent in an envelope marked with your child's name and class teacher. Thank you.

Choir

The 'choir' after school club will restart **next Friday 13th January 2017.**

Rugby Club

Rugby club will start next Thursday 12th January 2017. Letters will be sent out this week.

Fun Food Chef

The Fun Food Chef will be visiting KS2 next Thursday and

Friday cooking some of his fabulous food with the children. Letters will be sent out today with further information.

Checking Children's Bag

Can we remind parents to check their child's bag each day for letters, newsletters, information about trips etc. This is our main channel of communication. Thank you for your support.

Do not forget to keep an eye on the school website which is regularly updated with wonderful photographs and information.

Girls and Women's Health


Halton Borough Council's Public Health Team would like to invite you to an event to talk about the health of girls and women living in Halton. Tuesday 24th January 2017 1.30pm to 4.30pm at Select Security Stadium Widnes. Discussion areas include child and maternal health, mental health, cancer and lifestyles. To register for the event go to: <http://bit.ly/2hhW8Yj> or hayley.teshometesfaye@halton.gov.uk

Quote of the Week

"Some people **want** it to happen. Some **wish** it would happen! Others **make** it happen!

Apply this to your New Year Resolution.

Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts this week  go to Marian (our previous pre-school leader) following her recent loss. God Bless!