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St Bert's News

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Welcome back

We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready to start a new half term. Spring is fast approaching and hopefully we are over the worst of the winter weather.

Family Assembly

This week's Family Assembly will be led by Andy Keeley. Mr Keeley is keeping a close guarded secret as to what he will be talking about!!

Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the staff room afterwards.

New Dates for your Diary



On Tuesday 7th March we will be holding a Fairtrade Tea and Cake

afternoon for our Grandparents.

Start time will be 2pm. This is in place of our usual end of term invitation.



On Tuesday 21st March 2017 after Mother's Day Family Assembly, we will be

holding our Mums Morning where we will be asking our mums to come along and work with the children doing spelling games, word work, word investigations etc.

We would encourage as many mums as possible to attend as this is a good opportunity to

see, at first hand, how your child is taught.

Beeston/Burwardsley Meeting

This Thursday at 3.30pm there will be a meeting for all Year 4 parents whose children will be visiting Beeston/Burwardsley.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term will be £69.60. Cheques to be made payable to Halton Borough Council. Thanks

Voluntary Contributions

As you are already aware any monies we request for residential or trips is done on a voluntary contribution basis. We like to think that no child will miss a trip because their family are struggling to pay. However, as a school we no longer have the resources to make up any deficit due to non-payers. With this in mind, could we please encourage all parents to use our school savings scheme so that all the children can benefit from visits/residential organised by the school. Thank you for your support.

e-Safety

Following on from our e-Safety day we were shocked by the responses of our children. During the day it became apparent that a number of our children are exposed to inappropriate games such as C.O.D. and G.T.A. These games are totally unsuitable for primary age children. In

addition, lots of our children including some in KS1 - admitted using Snapchat/Instagram and Facebook. Again, a child needs to be 13 years of age before accessing such social media sites.

We feel it is important that parents "parent" their children and do not get drawn into thinking that they are doing their child an injustice by not allowing access to totally unsuitable material because they say their friends have access. Maintain the right to say "NO!" to your child - it's important to protect them!

Tuck Shop - Geo Bars

The Tuck Shop will be open on Thursday of this week selling Geo Bars at 40p.

Walkabout at St Chad's

Here are the dates for this year's St Chad's walkabout (primarily for Year 5/6 pupils):

Wed 22nd February
Wed 8th and 15th March
Wed 19th and 26th April

The tours will commence at 9.15am and end approx. 10.30am.

If you are interested in attending any of these tours could you please let the school office know of your child's name and date of attendance. Thank you. Tel St Bert's on: 01928 719847.

PE Kit

Could all parents please ensure that their child/children have the correct PE kit in school **every day**. The children should have the following:

White T/Shirt

White Sports

Black Pumps

School joggers or similar for the winter period.

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!

St Bertelina's Church

Services

Sunday 26th February 2017

9.30am - Holy Communion

After School Clubs

Please can you make sure that you pick your child up on time if they attend an after school club.

The staff commit an enormous amount of time to provide clubs for the children and it is only respectful that children who benefit are picked up at the appropriate time.

Rugby Club

Rugby club will continue for Year 3 children for this half term.

Remember, 4.15pm pick up.



Parent Volunteers

Halton in conjunction with National Childbirth Trust are about to set up a new service to support women who are experiencing mental health difficulties in pregnancy and in the first year after birth. They are currently looking for women who have experienced such issues and are now well, who might consider volunteering as a peer supporter.

If you would like further details of the project, please check out www.nct.org.uk or contact 0300 330 0700.

National Child Measurement Programme

According to our most recent survey from the Department of Health National Child Measurement Programme, the children at St Bertelines are below the national average for children who are overweight/obese, indicating that our children have a good diet and the appropriate amount of exercise in their daily lives. Well done to all our families!

Year 6 Cake Sale

A cake sale has been organised by Year 6 parents on Wednesday 15th March 2017 to raise money for the forthcoming Year 6 leaver's party. The cakes will be on sale this on at 10.30am in the school hall and will be the usual 35p per cake. Thank you for your support.

Quote of the Week

"Attitude is a choice.
Happiness is a choice.
Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice.
Respect is a choice.

Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely."

Roy T Bennett, The Light in the Heart.

Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts this week are for anybody suffering from the many viruses which are lurking around. Get well soon!

