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St Bert's News

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Family Assembly

This week's Family Assembly will be led by Angela Askwith. During the assembly, the school choir will sing two of the songs they performed at our Spring Concert.

You are welcome to stay for tea and coffee in the staffroom afterwards.

Mothering Sunday

We hope all our mums enjoyed a lovely Mothering Sunday and were thoroughly spoilt and felt much appreciated.

Mums Morning

We were overwhelmed by the number of mums who joined us last Tuesday morning. It was lovely to see so many of you join us for worship and then work in the classrooms. The children were delighted! We apologise that the classroom session was not as long as we would have hoped and next time we will make sure we allocate the whole morning to your visit.

Year 6 Leavers Party Meeting

There will be a parents meeting today at 3.15pm in the school hall to discuss the Year 6 Leavers Party.

Spring Dance Co

This Wednesday 29th March 2017 Springs Dance Co will be coming into school to work with Year 3, 4 and 5. They will be dancing their way through the

Easter story from Palm Sunday Last Supper, the Crucifixion up to the stone being rolled away. Look out for pictures on the school website.

SAT's - Key Stage 1 & 2

As we approach the summer term please be aware that many of your children will be taking tests. With this in mind it is vitally important that your child has good attendance. Please check with your child's teacher before you take your child out of school for any appointments etc.

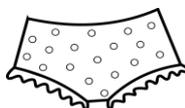
Year 6 OBA Children

We have not sent the Cheshire Show letter out as we were waiting to liaise with OBA. OBA has an induction day on June 20th which coincides with our whole school day out to Cheshire Show. Mrs Barron has spoken to the school and they are happy for us to give the children concerned the choice between attending the induction day or going on the whole school day out. As they explained, they already have two other induction days (like other Halton High Schools) and are happy for the children to attend those two days only.

Lent Appeal

Today Mrs O'Neil launched our Smartie

Pants Appeal. She explained this is the perfect time for reflecting on the fact that we are all part of a much bigger



family. Over the next three weeks, she has asked the children to fill their empty smartie tube (which she has kindly donated) with 20p coins. The money raised will be used by the River of Life charity in Uganda to buy basic hygiene needs.

We now have two pairs of big knickers in our school hall! They are waiting to be filled with the contents of the smartie tubes. Only Mrs O'Neil can come up with such an innovative way of raising money for charity!

Menai Meeting

There will be a parents meeting for all parents of Year 5 children in the school hall on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 3.15pm.

Year 6 London Visit

Can we please ask all Year 6 parents for final payments/balances for the Year 6 London Visit to be paid by 18th April 2017.

Beeston/Burwardsley

Can we please ask that all outstanding Beeston/Burwardsley monies are sent into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Spring Concert

Wow!! A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Concert last week. I hope you agree, it was a fantastic musical evening showcasing the children's musical talents. A big thank

you goes to Mrs O'Neil and Julie Topping for organising the concert as well as Angela (violinist) and all the children, parents and governors who contributed so willingly.

IMPORTANT - BUILDING WORK

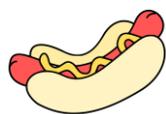
Due to the building work which will commence during the Easter Holidays, we will have to reorganise our first morning back. On this day the KS2 children will not drift in but will need to line up outside in their usual position outside the courtyard. The teachers will then direct them as to which route to adopt during the building work.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening takes place this Tuesday and Wednesday 28th and 29th March. Letters have been sent out to all parents. If you have not yet replied, then please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mrs Barron will be available throughout parents evening should you have anything you wish to discuss with her.

School Menus



This Thursday (our last full day of term) Zena will be

serving **HOT DOGS** and chips (instead of Fish and Chips) and Pizza and Chips as an Easter treat. **On this occasion only**, we are offering this dinner to everyone. If you wish to order a school dinner instead of a having a packed lunch, then please send in your £2.40 in a named envelope by Wednesday of this week. Thank you.

New Summer School Menus

From Tuesday 18th April 2017 we will have an exciting new Summer school menu. (Menus were sent out last Friday). We have a variety of yummy dinners available (jackets only available on Wednesday) so why not try and see for yourself. The menus will be available on the school website shortly.

100 Club

A reminder about our 100 club. Gill Read is now organising our 100 club. The idea is that you buy a number for £10 for the year. Each month a number will be drawn out (Family Assembly) and the winning number will receive £50. If you would like to buy a number then pop in to see Gill in the office or send your money in a named envelope labelled '100 club' and your name.

Walkabout at St Chad's

Here are the dates after the Easter break for St Chad's walkabout (primarily for Year 5/6 parents):

Wed 19th and 26th April
Tours start at 9.15am and end approx. 10.30am.

If you are interested in attending any of these dates, please contact the office with your child's name and date of attendance.

Grand Easter Raffle

There is still time to get your raffle tickets in for our grand Easter raffle. The draw will take place this Thursday 30th March 2017.



Easter Egg Hunt

Churches Together in Runcorn are holding a Free Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Hall on Saturday 15th April 2017 14.00 hrs - 16.00 hrs.

This event is run for the community by church volunteers and activities include: kids programmes with music and story, egg hunts, face painting, crafts and more. To book for the free egg hunt, please contact Churches Together in Runcorn on 01928 411801.

Easter Panto Spectacular

The Brindley, Runcorn are presenting an Easter Panto Spectacular 'Beauty and the Beast' featuring Basil Brush and Keith Chegwin. Date: Tues 4th and Wed 5th April. For more info contact The Brindley on 0151 907 8360

Dot Art

During the Autumn Term, St Bert's school created and selected **25 pieces** of student work which we felt best represented the talents of our children. These art works have been submitted to the dot-art schools page and then put on display to the world via the dot-art Schools website (schools.dot-art.com).

A panel of art experts will select the top 3 artworks from each school. Students from all the schools in the programme, as well as the general public, will then be able to vote for their favourite piece of art from the judge's shortlist. During the Summer term, an exhibition will be held at a Liverpool city centre art gallery showcasing the artwork with the most votes from each participating school.

Please go onto the dot-art website and click onto the Liverpool site and please vote for your favourite art work. You can vote from 3rd April - 5th May 2017. Please vote!

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who sent in money for Red Nose Day. We will let you know how much was raised when we return after the Easter holidays.

St Bert's Church Services

Palm Sunday - 9th April

Family Service
(crafts and activities available)



Maundy Thursday - 13th April

Service 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Good Friday - 14th April

St Mary's Church 'A Quiet Service run by Churches Together - 11.00 am - 12.00 noon

Good Friday - 14th April

'An hour at the cross! - St Bert's Church
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Easter Sunday - 16th April

Family Service - celebration and activities, including an Easter Egg Hunt.

Goodbye

At the end of this week we say a sad farewell to Cindy, one of our support assistants. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new post.

Easter Holidays

Just a reminder that we will be finishing school this Friday 31st March 2017. We will be attending church in the morning and school will close at 12.00 noon.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing you all when we return for a busy Summer Term.

Quote of the Week

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up"

John Andrew Holmes

Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts this week are for the Totten family following their recent loss.

