

# 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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### Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to you all, especially our new families whose children are

joining the reception classes. We hope that the children soon settle down and begin to feel part of the St Bert's Family.

Please note we would welcome any new parents to join our fund raising group "The Friends of St Bert's". We will let you know next week when the first of our meetings will take place.

### Education Sunday Chester Cathedral

This Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 St Bert's Key Stage 2 children are invited to sing at Chester Cathedral. The Service begins at 3:30 but the children are invited to arrive around 3pm when there will be a short rehearsal.

Bishop Libby will be in attendance at the Service. The whole family are invited to attend, however, you may wish to just drop your child off and collect an hour later. We will be asking the children, over the next two days who will be attending so that we can confirm numbers.

### Family Assembly

Each week on a Tuesday we have a family assembly in the school hall. The assembly is led either by Mrs Barron, a visitor or friend of the school. On this occasion we invite parents, grandparents and toddlers to join us. The assembly begins at 9.15 am and last approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.

Please feel free to take part in our worship on Tuesday morning and join us afterwards for coffee

and a chat in the staff room. We look forward to seeing you!

### Thank You

All the staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents who sent in cards and gifts at the end of last term. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity and show of appreciation.

### 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 Shorts

Black Pumps (Trainers for older children)

School joggers or similar for the winter period.

### Table Manners

This half term we will be focussing closely on children's table manners. We will be encouraging the children to hold their knives and forks properly, to sit at the table nicely and to generally behave in a sociable way when eating lunch. Could we ask you to offer some words of encouragement to your child.

### How to help your child

Parents are often asking for ways in which they can support their child at school.

This week we would like to put the emphasis on one of the most important ways in which you can help your child which is in establishing a good school routine:-

- Early bed time
- Regular reading time (preferably not bed time for school books)
- Storytime/sharing time at bed time.

- Homework space away from any distractions eg iPads, laptops, TV etc
- Up early in the morning and arriving at school on time
- PE kit and other equipment eg pens etc in 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.

### Delamere Meeting - Year 3

Delamere meeting for parents of all Year 3 children takes place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm in Mrs Dippnall's bay.

### School Dinners



Can we please remind parents that school dinners cost £2.40 a day, £12.00 a week and £81.60

for the term. Thank you. Cheques need to be made payable to Halton Borough Council.

### 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).
- . Meals need to be ordered for the whole half term (payment can be weekly).

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.

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### Residential Visits

We will shortly have a full list of this academic year's residential visits and approximate costs. Please be reminded that saving cards are available from the office.

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### Savings Cards

We are conscious of the increasing cost of school visits and residential. For this reason we operate an in house savings scheme which we encourage parents to use. The basic idea is that the cost of any school activity or event is paid for in advance using a weekly or monthly payment. You will be given a savings card which is initialled each time you deposit any money at the office. The cost of any trips and visits are then deducted. Please call into the office and speak to Gill if you would like a card. Many parents of our younger children have said how useful this is when their children move up the school and are attending expensive residential.

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### Reception Parents – Home School Agreement Forms

Can we please ask all new Reception parents to sign their Home School Agreement Forms (inside your induction pack). Please send these into school asap.

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### Names in Clothes

Please can parents make sure that all uniform is marked with their child's name. Uniform is very expensive to buy and it can be frustrating when there are brand new items which cannot be identified. Thank you!

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### Checking school bags

Can we please ask parents to check their child's bag each day for letters, newsletters, homework, information about trips etc. Also please keep an eye on the school website where we will notify you of any urgent information of which you need to be aware, eg school closure.

Thank you!

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### Website Permission

For parents new to school, St Bert's has a website



[www.stbertelines.org.uk](http://www.stbertelines.org.uk) where we can show off the children's work during the term, show pictures of them on their residential, publish holiday dates, policies and newsletters. We often take photographs of the children; they love to see their work and themselves on the website. We take it that we have permission to use photographs of your child **UNLESS YOU ADVISE US OTHERWISE**. Please note that we never include a child's name with a photograph. If you wish for your child's photograph **NOT TO BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE**, then please speak to Mrs Barron.

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### Contact Details

From time to time we experience difficulty in contacting parents in an emergency. If for any reason you have changed your contact details, especially new mobile phones, please let us know immediately.

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### Dates for your Diary

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

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### Parking

Just a word of warning to our new parents. The end of the school day is always hectic as far as traffic is concerned. If at all possible, could you please walk or maybe cycle to school. If you have to bring a vehicle, then please park with consideration for residents. Also be warned that it is illegal to park on either of the roundabouts outside school.

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### Holidays in term time

Our policy is on our school website. If you cannot avoid a holiday in term time then you need to fill in a form in the school office.

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### Easyfundraising

Last term we told you about Easyfundraising. St Bert's are up and running now. This is a free and easy way for us to receive some additional funds to support our school. Why not take a look and log in!



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### Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer Halton Libraries have been running the Summer Reading Challenge. Over 997 children signed up and they would like to send out certificates and medals to as many as possible. Can we remind children that if they haven't been to the library to complete their challenge they should go into the library by 9<sup>th</sup> September. If they have been reading throughout the summer and haven't signed up to the challenge they can still do so.

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### Quote of the Week

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today".

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### Prayers

Prayers this week are for are for Daisy Boo and her family at this sad time. Also for our Reception children as they begin their new adventure at school. God Bless!

