

St Bertelina's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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St Bert's News

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Family Worship

Family Worship this week will be led by Rev. Stephen Torr.

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!

Next week's Family Worship will be our Harvest Festival. As is tradition we will be supporting our local Foodbank as well as Halton Haven and Norton Lodge. We will be asking for donations, preferably dried food products, eg cereal and tins etc.

Science Assembly



We are holding a science assembly on Monday 25th September 2017 at

10.00am. Parents are welcome to attend as the presenters are looking to start a science club in school.

School Funding

You may have seen a number of stories in the press around school funding in recent months. There have been worrying headlines and we felt it important that we let you know, as far as we are able at this stage, how this will affect our school.

School budgets across the country have been under pressure for some time. The Governors at St Bert's have been grappling with the funding challenges, leading to a number of tough decisions already being made.

Our school is not alone. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has shown that seven out of ten school leaders think that their budgets will be

unsustainable by the 2019 academic year. In July, the Department for Education re-allocated £1.3 billion for schools from existing budgets, but this is over two years and is not sufficient. Nationally, there is a £2bn gap in funding each year until 2022. It's clear that the Treasury must now provide additional resources to resolve the funding crisis.

We will work hard to ensure that cuts have the least impact on teaching possible. However, rising costs and a frozen budget mean that tough decisions will have to be taken. We cannot guarantee that such cuts will not impact on teaching, despite doing our utmost to prevent this.

Please be assured that we will take the utmost care with budgets, to ensure all the money we have is spent effectively on your children. We are also letting the local authority and government know just how serious the funding crisis has become. We promise to let you know in plenty of time if our budget means we'll have to take any significant decision on staffing or activities.

Time Capsule

Today the time capsule which was recently excavated from the grounds of the Play Centre was re-buried. The capsule was originally buried in 1995 and was dug up earlier this year. Individual classes have contributed various items to the capsule and we thank you for your contributions.

Mcmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September 2017 we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Further details will be posted in next week's newsletter.

Admission to Primary/Secondary Schools

If your child is due to transfer from Primary to Secondary or starting Primary School in September 2017, the Admissions to Secondary School Booklet and the Admissions to Primary School Booklet that explains the arrangements are available at www.halton.gov.uk/schoolsadmission. (There is no hard copy). It is highly recommended that you read the booklet that is relevant to you and then complete the online application available at the above website.

If you do not have access to the internet, then please visit a Halton Direct Link Office to obtain a form, where you will be given a receipt once you have submitted the form.

Supplementary Forms for Reception

If applying for St Bertelina's Primary School under the Church criteria, then supplementary forms confirming church attendance will be available from the school office and need to be returned directly to St Bert's school office.

High School Open Days/Evenings

Bishops' High School Chester

Tuesday 19th September 2017
9.30am - 11.00am
6pm - 8.30pm

The Grange

Tuesday 19th September
5.30pm - 8.00pm
Headteacher address 6.00pm

St Chad's Joint Faith School
Thursday 21st September 2017
4.00pm - 7.30pm
Headteacher address 5.30pm

Orminston Bolingbroke Academy
Thursday 28th September 2017
6.00pm

Heath High School
Thursday 5th October 2017
6.00pm

Sandymoor
Wednesday 27th September 2017
5pm - 8pm
Saturday 14th October 2017
11am - 2pm

The Kings School Chester
Saturday 7th October
Seniors 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Helsby High School
Open Evening on Thursday 28th
September 2017
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Headteacher address 6pm &
6.45pm
Open Mornings
Tuesday 3rd and Monday 9th
October 2017
9.15am to 10.45am

Orminston Bolingbroke Academy
Stacey Stagg and Mr Emlyn
Wright the new Principal from
Orminston Bolingbroke will be
visiting St Bert's on Friday 22nd
September 2017 at 2.45pm to talk
to parents.

Skippy John
Skippy John will be in school this
Wednesday and Thursday to work
with all KS1 and KS2. Skippy John
will be selling skipping ropes for
£4 each. If your child would like
a rope, please send in the money in
an envelope marked with your
child's name. Thank you

Taking Photos/Videos
Can we please remind parents that
we have a school policy (see school
website) regarding the taking of
photographs and videos. Due to
the fact that some of our children
are fostered or have been
adopted, could we please ask that

photos/videos involving other
people's children are not shared on
social media. In this way we can
help support families who could
otherwise feel very vulnerable.

Operation Christmas Child

Can you believe it's
that time of year
again? We will be
shortly sending out a
leaflet explaining how we can do
our bit to help others at
Christmas. In the meantime could
you please be looking out for an
empty shoe box ready to fill with
goodies. Thank you for your
support.



100 Club

Can we remind you about our 100
club. Gill in the office kindly
organises our 100 club. The idea is
that you buy a number for £10 for
the year. Each month a number
will be drawn out (during Family
Worship) and the winning number
will receive £50. If you would like
to buy a number, please see Gill.
Thank you.

Barn Dance

St Bert's Church is holding a barn
dance on
Saturday 7th October 2017 at
Sandymoor Hall featuring
Flaxmere Ceilidh Band and Mr Mac
as the caller. 7.30pm till 11.30pm
Supper included.
Tickets cost £10 and £7.50
concessions (over 65 and
unwaged).

For tickets and to notify
vegetarian alternative or special
dietary needs please call into the
office and speak to Gill.

Football Club

Football club will be starting
Wednesday 27th September 2017
for Year 5 & 6 children. Letters
will be going out this week.

Light Party

St Bert's Church is
holding a Light
Party "The Light of
Jesus" on Tuesday
31st October 2017 5-7pm. There
will be lots of singing as well as



fun games to play. A light tea is
also provided. All welcome!
Children must be supervised by an
adult. Free entry. To book a
place, please call Holly Torr on
01928 751151.

Drama Academy

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
holds classes weekly in Runcorn.
If your child is interested in
drama, dance or just having fun
with lots of friends, why not try
having a go a drama. For more
information contact
www.helenogrady.co.uk, call
08445624190/07923313388.

Flu Vaccination (Influenza)

Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 & Year 4
will all be receiving a consent form
asking your permission for flu
(Influenza) immunisation. We
require a response from every
parent. It is important that you
return the form even if you do not
wish your child to have the flu
vaccination.

We would encourage you to
consent to your child having the
vaccination as flu can be an
unpleasant illness and sometimes
causes serious complications.
Vaccinating your child will also
help protect more vulnerable
friends and family by preventing
the spread of flu. The vaccine is
given in a nasal spray which is both
quick and painless.

Quote of the Week

Nothing shocks God, or catches
him off guard. When the crisis
you're facing makes you want to
throw in the towel, remember your
problems are his opportunities.

Matthew 19:26

Mark 14:36

Prayers

Prayers this week are
for those people who
are suffering from the severe
weather conditions around the
world.
God Bless!

