# St Berteline's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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# St Bert's News

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#### 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **Family Worship**

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mike Wildsmith.

All parents welcome.

#### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. This year we will be collecting items for our local food bank as well as offering gifts to Halton Hospice. This is a great way of teaching the children how blessed they are and how important it is to share with others.

On the day of Harvest Festival, we ask the children to bring in non-perishable food and other items eg cereal, pasta, rice, tins, nappies, toilet rolls, washing powder/capsules etc. Please join us for this Harvest gathering.

#### **Delamere Meeting**

We would like to wish our Year 3 children well as they head off to Delamere this week. We will keep you updated with pictures on the school website and facebook.

# **Residential Dates**

Please be advised of the dates for our forthcoming residentials.

Tattenhall 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Burwardsley

Two groups Group 1 - 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 Group 2 - 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 (Your child will be assigned a group nearer the time).

**Menai** 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 **Year 6** 

#### ТВА

Please note that all residentials are now available on the School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the residentials. By doing this, you can spread the cost.

#### Google Classrooms

Google Classrooms are now up and running. If you have any difficulties logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office. Thank you.

# Admission to

Primary/Secondary Schools If your child is due to transfer from Primary to Secondary or starting Primary School in September 2024, the Admissions to Secondary School Booklet and the Admissions to Primary School Booklet that explains the arrangements are available at www.halton.gov.uk/schoolsadm issions . (There are no hard copies). It is highly recommended that you read the booklet that is relevant to you and then complete the online application available on 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 Berteline'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.

#### Holiday in Term Time

Attend	ance	Ladder
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o Days off school	100%	perfection!
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Equates to to days off school each year	95%	slight concern
Requiring the 20 Marys off	90%	Concerned

At present, there is a national effort to raise the school attendance. As a school, we have always had good attendance and been proud to achieve our 97% target. At this moment we are working towards this, which means not taking holidays during term time.

Please be reminded that our findings indicate that good performance at school is very closely linked to high attendance. We expect the majority of our pupils to have an attendance figure of 97% or above, therefore holiday requests will be unauthorised.

#### Clubs

Football Club There will be a football club starting tomorrow 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 after school for Year 5 & 6. A google form has been sent out with consent form and price.

#### Choir Club

A google form has been sent out with all the details and consent form.

#### Assemblies

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents on Friday in our Celebrate and Praise assembly! Thank you! If you would like to join us, please ensure a prompt arrival, as entering the worship once it has started is very disruptive for both the children and adults.

#### Website Changes

Over the summer holidays, you may have noticed changes to the school website (homepage and dropdown menus). These changes have been made to provide easier access to information on the website; however, this is still work in progress. Over the coming weeks, new information will be added. We hope you like it!

#### **Classroom Support**

Do you have any spare time to help in class? We are looking for parent's helpers who are willing to help for an hour or two in the classroom. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

#### SEND

Please take a look at our SEND page on the school website. There is lots of information regarding support for families with additional needs.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October there will be a Coffee Morning/Drop in session held in our Bubble Room hosted by ADDvanced Solutions. 9.30am start.

# Happy Birthday

The following children celebrate their



birthday this week:

Zack Pruden (9) Thomas Bibby (8) Arthur Connolly (10) Charlotte McGarity (6) Jason Burke (9) Oliver Johnson (7) We hope you have a fantastic birthday.

#### New PCSO

We have a new PCSO called Joe. Some of you may have already seen him in the mornings by the Drop and Go gates. Joe will try and come to St Bert's as often as he can and we hope to share some ideas with him regarding illegal parking and inconsiderate parking in our local community.

#### New Reception Meeting

Last week Mrs Davidson held a meeting for all Reception parents. In the meeting Mrs Davidson shared details of how to help your child read and also how our phonics scheme works. We had a good response and we would like to thank those parents who did attend.

#### The Big Conversation

The Big Conversation is a survey which Halton Borough Council are conducting. It is aimed at children and is about how we can start to talk and about how together we can make Halton an even better place for people to live, work, visit and grow.

Complete the survey before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to be in with a chance of a winning £100 gift voucher for The Brindley. Use this QR code



To answer questions with your child or visit <u>www.halton.gov.uk/thebigconv</u> ersation.

#### Fundraising Disco/Meeting

As part of our fundraising efforts, a school disco has been arranged for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 after school, details to follow.

There is a fundraising meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 6.30pm in the Evenwood Pub if anyone wishes to join.

# ACTC Dance

Fun dance classes for 5-14 years Mondays 5-6pm Ditton Community Centre Wednesday 4.50 - 5.50pm Hillview Primary School For more details contact 07590529115

#### Quote of the Week



# Prayers

Our prayers this week are for our St Bert's family. Also, prayers for our new Priest in Charge who has now moved into the Vicarage.

God Bless!