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St Bert's News

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Welcome Back!

We hope you had a restful week ready for a very busy half term leading up to Christmas.

Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mr Griffiths from Christian Aid.

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 led by **Miss Burke's Year 1 children** who will be remembering those people who sacrificed their lives for us so that we may live in a peaceful world.

Poppies

It's poppy time again. As you know, we sell 2 poppies in school; the red poppies are the traditional ones and are produced by the British Legion which does some excellent work looking after those who have been badly affected by military action. Apart from the red poppies we also sell white poppies at St Bert's. White poppies are produced by the Peace Pledge Union - an organisation which has been operating for the last 70 years working for peace without violence. We suggest red poppies a minimum of 25p each and white poppies at £1.



One of our grandma's has been busy crocheting handmade poppies which we will be selling for £2.50 each.

In addition to poppies there are lots of other theme accessories eg bracelets, crayons, key rings etc. These are all priced between 50p and £2.

All poppies and accessories will be sold at playtime in the courtyard each day. Thank you for your support.

New School Menu

As of Monday 30th October 2017 we will be having new school menus. The menus will still be on a 4 week rota and offer two delicious hot meals a day with some favourites and some new ones. The new menus will be on the website as soon as possible.

Cake Sale

This Thursday 2nd November 2017, we will be holding a Key Stage 2 cake sale. Cakes/biscuits can be made or bought and will be sold at break time for 50p each. All proceeds will be for Friends of St Bert's. Thank you for your support.

100 Club

We still have some numbers available for our 100 club. If you would like to buy a number please see Gill in the office. 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. This is a good way of supporting the school - especially for working parents or grandparents. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Choir

Choir will take place this Friday at 3.15pm as usual

Football

Football will take place for the next two Wednesday's (weather permitting).

Gardening Club

Gardening Club Group 1 starts on Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15pm. Meet/pickup from school hall. Bring wellies/outdoor shoes and a change of clothes. A waterproof coat with a hood is a MUST!! We go out whatever the weather!

Mad Science Club

Mad Science Club will continue this Wednesday as usual.

Operation Christmas Child



We hope over the half term that you have been busy filling your shoe boxes with lots of goodies. Please send your shoe boxes into school as soon as possible. We already have 3 shoe boxes - our aim is to beat last year's record which was 116.

If you are looking for a shoe box, Dianne White (one of our parents) has about 20 Operation Christmas Child boxes at 50p. Thank you.

Baby News!!!



Wow!!! The St Bert's stork has been working extra hard. Pedita Lowe and her partner Tom are expecting their first baby in April. Congratulations to both of them.

Light Party

As a Church and a Church School we do not actively celebrate Halloween (All Hallows Eve). However, we do recognise All Saints Day (1st November). With

this in mind, the Church has planned a Light Party 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 the few tickets which are left, please call Holly Torr on 01928 751151.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week takes place w/b 13th November 2017. The theme this year is "All different. All equal".

As part of our on-going work to create a non-bullying culture we will be having a special anti-bullying day on Tuesday 14th November 2017. On this day the children will be encouraged to wear blue. We will also be selling Ant-bullying wrist bands for £1 each. If you would like to buy a band, please send the correct money in on the day in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class teacher. Thank you.

In addition, on this day our Family Worship will be focussing on how we treat others as part of our anti-bullying awareness week. Worship begins at 9.00am. All welcome!

Christmas Preparations

Christmas preparations are underway.



This year we have decided not to hold a Christmas Fair but instead to have two Christmas

Discos. We will be holding the discos on 30th November 2017.

Reception/KS1 4.30pm – 6.30pm
KS2 7.00pm – 9.30pm

This will be a good opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping whilst the children are being entertained!!!

The charge will be £5 per child this will include a Hot Dog, drink and popcorn. Sweets will be on

sale and there will be lots of prizes to be won.

Christmas Raffle

We will still be holding our annual Christmas Raffle. In a couple of weeks, we will be sending out raffle tickets. They are £1 per strip. In the meantime if you would like to donate any raffle prizes, it would be very much appreciated. All donations can be given to Gill in the office.

Hampers

Parents, do any of your companies donate Christmas Hampers? If so, could we please ask you to nominate St Bert's so we may raffle them off during our Christmas Production week. Thank you in advance.

St Bert's Christmas £1 Stall

Meg Dewell and Diane White will be holding a St Bert's Christmas £1 stall. It takes place this Friday 3rd November 2017 at 3.15pm outside the courtyard (weather permitting) if not inside. Goodies include gift sets, bubble bath, Christmas baubles and lots of other festive treats.

PCSO Visit

Our new PCSO visited the school last half term. Chris spoke to some of the car drivers who had chosen to park on the school roundabout or pavement. She explained to these drivers that they were breaking the law and warned them that they will be receiving parking tickets should they continue to offend. Chris was shocked by what she called "laziness" of some parents who lived within walking distance of the school.

The families who attend St Bert's come from a far reaching catchment area. Could we please encourage parents who do live in close proximity to the school to walk or cycle so that the few places that are available for parking can be used by those travelling a further distance.

In this way, our children will not be put at risk! Thank you.

Lost Jumpers/Cardigans

Could we please ask all parents to check the names in their child's jumpers and cardigans as several have gone missing during last half term. Can we also remind parents to ensure all new uniform is labelled with their child's name so that lost items can be returned easily.

On another note if you require any spare uniform, we have a decent selection of recycled garments which have been outgrown. These can be purchased for a small donation. Speak to the office if interested.

Quote of the Week

"A love of life. A love of learning"

This morning in worship we talked about belonging to our school community and how important it was for a community to share the same values. We looked at our Mission Statement and focussed on the part which reads:

"Imagine a place..... where Christian values and visions are celebrated; where you are prepared for life... St Bert's. Corinthians 13

If you have a moment, take time to talk to your child about the values which are important to them.

Prayers

Prayers this week are for the two mums to be Pedita and Sasha. God Bless!

