

# St Bertelina'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)

### 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

We hope you enjoyed the weekend and the football in spite of England's defeat- so close and yet so far!

Never mind Gareth Southgate is well aware that the World Cup is just around the corner!! Onwards and upwards!

### Covid Figures

We currently have three positive cases on our pupil roll.

Fortunately these three children were self-isolating prior to their positive result and so this has not impacted on any class bubbles.

### Year 6 Leavers Assembly

First of all welcome back to Year 6. It's lovely to have you back in school.

We are currently seeking guidance as to whether we will be able to go ahead with a Year 6 Leavers Assembly in the last week of term. If the decision is made to go ahead then we anticipate that we will do three 'showings' of the assembly (20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July).

Unfortunately only one parent from each family would be able to attend and we would be following social distancing measures. Parents would also be required to wear a face mask and we would encourage parents to do a lateral flow test prior to coming into school.

We will let you know at our earliest convenience whether we can go ahead with our plan. We will alert you by email once the

decision is made so that we can allocate which showing you will be invited to.

### School Library/Reading Books



All reading books and library books should be returned to school by Friday of this week.

Over the summer we do an audit of our reading material. Also, if by any chance you find additional reading books which have not been returned in the past, then please send these into school.

### School Structure

You will now be aware of the class your child/children will be going into next academic year. We are delighted that we once again have 11 classes and unlike last year we have reverted back to three parallel Key Stage 1 classes.

As always the governors and senior management make the decision regarding class structure and placement of individual children in light of the needs of all the pupils at St.Bert's and how they can best be met.

The criteria used to place children is based upon friendships (positive and negative influences), general ability, age and maturity, any additional needs, individual strengths and talents, as well as needing to balance the gender mix within a class group. The older children also complete a sociogram to help inform our decision making.

As a large school our children do not stay in a set class each year and instead get the chance to mix with other pupils; by doing this our children benefit from having the opportunity to meet new friends. There is no doubt that this is a positive feature of our arrangement and it promotes and encourages the family ethos we try to perpetuate at St Bert's.

### Helmets

Please encourage your child to wear a helmet if



they are playing on bikes after school. Any child coming to school on their bike must wear a helmet. Thank you.

### September 2021

The DfE have now issued renewed guidance to schools. St Bertelina's will be acting upon this guidance from September 2021. In spite of the fact that restrictions will be eased in the Autumn term we are very conscious that Covid will not have disappeared. With this in mind the Governors have decided to maintain the staggered start and finish times and maintain the different entrances/exits for individual classes.

Childminders will still be permitted to come onto the premises to collect children. The 'Master Plan' will be uploaded on our school website so that parents are aware of the information they need for their child's new class. These arrangements will be reviewed by

the governors during the first part of the Autumn term.

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### Summer Maths Club



To support children after a challenging year, The Maths



Factor is releasing a free new summer course: Summer Adventure.

This challenge is led by Carol Vorderman. It is a 6 week course and is completely free and matched to each child's learning stage, ideal for boosting confidence and avoiding the summer dip!

Take a look at the website below to find out more.

[https://www.themathsfactor.com/summer-adventure/?utm\\_source=ealert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=GBPRMA0621SATEA](https://www.themathsfactor.com/summer-adventure/?utm_source=ealert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GBPRMA0621SATEA)

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### Holiday Dates

Holiday Dates for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 have now been posted onto the school website.

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### Transition to Secondary School

Below is a link to a free training course for parents of children who will be going onto high school in September. The course is designed to help parents support their children through what can be a very unsettling time.

<https://www.learn.myhappymind.org/Yr%206%20Live%20Training>

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### Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their

birthday this week

Ella Bowman (11)

Ellie Corker (9)

Isaac Quine (7)

Charlie Doherty (8)

Katy Westwood (9)

Poppy-Bella Arbuckle (9)

Chloe Giblin (6)

Eli Hanley (5)

Isaac McGarry (6)

Ned Hickey (7)

William Lawton-Hill (11)

We hope you enjoyed your special day!

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### End of Term

At the end of term the children will be bring home a school portfolio which can now be kept at home.

We have also decided to send home any unfinished Power Maths workbooks. During the summer, you are encouraged to help your child complete any unfinished work in these books as a way of reinforcing the concepts covered. The children love our new Maths scheme and no doubt enjoy showing off their Maths skills.

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### Lunchtime Finish

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 we will not be visiting Church however we will be going ahead with our usual lunchtime finish. Children will finish school at 12 noon, (12.30pm for those who require a free school meal), if this is the case please let the office know before Monday of next week. Thank you.

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### Quote of the Week

HOPE on! (Having an Optimistic Perspective on Everything)!

We all need hope. It teaches us that adversity does not last forever.

Matthew 5 10:12

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### Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts this week are for the Dean Family and any others facing adversity at this time. God Bless!

