

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

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## St Bert's News

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**18th December 2017**

### Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be our Christmas Singalong.

Tomorrow the children, teachers and parents can come into school wearing their Christmas Jumpers. We hope that you will be able to join us for this spiritually uplifting occasion.

### Please note children need to wear school uniform with a Christmas Jumper

Please feel free to take part in our worship on Tuesday mornings and join us afterwards for coffee and a chat in the staff room. We look forward to seeing you!

### Gritting of access lane

As you are aware the access road and roundabout by school are not usually gritted. A number of parents have mentioned if it was possible for us to grit the access path to school. Unfortunately if we grit an area we become liable should an accident occur. With this in mind, we have contacted Halton Borough Council and been assured that we are on the Winter gritting plan however the road is only gritted every 3-4 days and therefore drivers should be cautious.

Please feel free to contact the Council should you wish to air your feelings.

### Christingle

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who came into school on Monday to help make Christingles with the children. Please remember you are invited to our Parents Thank You Party on Thursday!

### Christmas Production



Our KS2 Christmas Production takes place this Tuesday 1.30pm and 6.30pm and Wednesday 1.30pm and 6.30pm.

By now you should all have received your production tickets. Can we please remind parents that they need to bring their tickets with them to the performance and hand them in at the door. Any tickets that are not being used need to be returned to school asap in order to redistribute.

For evening performances, parents are asked to drop off their children via the courtyard door. If staying to watch the performance to go back outside and come in through the hall door where your ticket will be collected.

Please also be aware that unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate late arrivals as once the production starts the children will be in their places and we will not be able to get you seated.

### Production Letter

A production letter was sent out last week detailing the arrangements for KS2 Christmas Production. Please see your child's teacher if you have not received one.

We appreciate that taking part in the productions is a very demanding time for the children and would like to remind you that should your child require a lie-in to recuperate then there will be no late marks given. If your child requires a school dinner it must be ordered before 10.00am, if not

your child will require a packed lunch. Thank you.

As you can appreciate the office staff are also involved in the Christmas Productions, therefore can we please ask that you keep contact to the school office to a minimum.

### Christmas Production Collection

This year our collection at the end of the productions will be in aid of the Friends of St Bert's. The money collected will go towards further outdoor developments including a performing arts area for the children. Thank you for supporting us.

### Thank you Party

This Thursday is our Thank You Party for all parent helpers. This is our opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to the many people who give up their time to help the children and staff of St Bert's. St Bert's would not be the place that it is without the huge commitment of many parents, grandparents and friends. If you have given your time on a regular basis or a one off, then please come along and share some entertainment and Christmas Spirit! We look forward to seeing you! 10.30am start.

### Christmas Party



Thursday afternoon of this week is party time for the children. Thank you to those parents who have already returned their party slips. Children do not need to wear school uniform on party day however, they will need a warm outdoor coat.

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### Stockley Farm

Our Reception children will be visiting Father Christmas at Stockley Farm this Thursday, we hope they have a wonderfully

festive day!

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### Dates for your Diary

Celebrate Christmas at St Bert's Church.

#### Christmas Eve All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
9.30 am at Church

#### Christmas Eve Christingle

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
4.00pm - 5.00pm at Church

#### Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm at Church

#### Christmas Morning Celebration

9.30am at Church

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### Brindley

2018 - date for your diary. Some of St Bert's KS2 children will be performing at the Brindley on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Further details to follow.

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### Parking!!

Can the owner of car registration no. R785 JGU (Black/dark coloured Jaguar) refrain from parking on the pavement outside the school gates. Thank you

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### Welcome Home

A big welcome home goes to Lisa Stone one of our ex teachers. Lisa and her family will be arriving home this week from China to celebrate Christmas in the UK.

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### Congratulations



Congratulations go to Mrs Mackenzie who will be celebrating her 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday this Thursday.

We hope she has a fantastic day.

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### Wedding Wishes

If all goes to plan Miss Lowe will become Mrs Dix this Saturday. We hope she is still well enough to enjoy her special day!

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### Police Presence

You might have seen lots of police on your way to school last week or you might see or hear something in the local news about what's been happening in Widnes. It's because the police have made lots of arrests, both here and in the Liverpool area, because they want to stop some of the drug dealing that's been going on in and around the town. Gangs from the bigger cities have been using local people to do this - sometimes they're even using young people.

It was a carefully planned operation by the police and they've done it to make the town safer for all of us. Working with the police and through the local council, school will be playing its part in trying to stop this happening in our town. We don't want you to be worried, but if you do have any worries, concerns or maybe some information that you think will help, then please speak to the police. You will probably see an increased presence over the next few days - please don't worry they are out to reassure the local community including us.

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### Quote of the Week

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness. He will have the light that gives life"

John 8:12

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### Happy Christmas

We sincerely hope that you all enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas time with your friends and family. As always this has been a busy year at St Bert's and we look forward to 2018 with renewed energy!!

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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### Prayers

Prayers this week are for Miss Lowe and for James Story and Maisy Shorrocks's mum who are both having hospital treatment this week.



God Bless!