



## WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to St Bert's. St Bert's is a wonderful school; I'm bound to say that as the Headteacher and someone who has enjoyed being part of the St Bert's family for over 30 years. Not only is it wonderful, it's very unique; I think that's probably to do with what we do and how we do it. No-one can ever put their finger on what it is that makes St Bert's so different but whatever it is we would love to bottle it!

I always explain to parents that my aim for every child in our school is to enjoy each day and be happy in their school life and so develop a love of learning. I believe happy children learn - my job is to ensure everyone is happy in the learning process - including all of the staff. The staff are chosen carefully to espouse our values and to complement our team.

Underpinning all that we do at St Bert's is our strong Christian ethos; this permeates everything we do and is the strongest factor in determining our uniqueness. Every decision we make as a school comes from a Christian perspective - an overriding desire to keep our children at the centre of our daily mission and work. The children are taught to live out Christian values of peace, honesty, forgiveness and love and will readily talk to you about how these relate to their daily lives. Our daily act of worship seeks to reaffirm these values and serves to unite our school family.

Primary school is a vital stage which lays the foundation for future learning. It's where we teach children how to learn and where we have the privilege of igniting their curiosity and desire to learn more.

Of equal importance is how we teach children to get on with each other and deal with what life involves. Social and emotional development is taken very seriously and we pride ourselves on the confidence and high levels of self-esteem for which our children are often identified when they reach high school.

If you choose St Bert's for your child, we will ensure you feel welcomed as a family. I also hope that should you ever have any worries, concerns or simply questions that you would like to ask that you will find myself and the staff team very approachable. We look forward to meeting you and introducing you to the St Bert's Family.

Please contact the school by telephone if you should wish to arrange a visit.

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