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St Bert's News

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Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by our Reception children who have been talking a lot about their mums recently and will be sharing their thoughts!

During worship you will be asked to fill in a simple questionnaire relating to the Christian distinctiveness of St Bert's as a Church school.

You're welcome to stay for tea and coffee in the staffroom afterwards.

SIAMS Inspection

This coming Thursday 8th March 2018, Ann Lock will be visiting St Bert's. Ann is a SIAMS Inspector and will be spending the whole day in school talking to children, parents, staff and governors as well as observing RE lessons and Worship.

The school was very successful in its last SIAMS Inspection and we hope that once again the Inspector will witness what makes our school so special.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Letters were sent out last week. If you have not returned your slip please speak to your child's class teacher asap.

Please note that Mr O'Neill's parents evening will take place on Thursday 8th March 2018.

Violins

Due to unforeseen circumstances Violin practice will not take place this Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Maths Booster Club/Netball Club

Due to Parents Evening Maths Booster Club and Netball Club will not take place this week.

Inclement Weather

The adverse weather conditions have thrown up a few questions with regards to our morning procedures. As much as we would like to offer cover in the courtyard in a morning, we are unable to do this due to fire regulations.

The normal procedure is for KS2 children to "drift" into school through the Courtyard from 8.50 onwards. KS1 children and Reception children line up and walk into school with their teacher after the whistle has been blown at 8.55am.

In extreme cold, such as we have had recently, we will endeavour to get the children into school as quickly as possible and may open the infant door and weather room shutters prior to 8.55am. If this is the case, could we please ask parents to stay

outside rather than come into school where again congestion can cause a fire risk.

The Site Manager does a risk assessment of the school grounds each morning.

In the case of snow, the Site Manager will clear a path into the main courtyard as well as a path around to the Reception and KS1 entrance. If time does not allow for this or the playground is deemed to be a hazard, we will admit all the children through the small courtyard door by the office. If this is the case we will ask one of our playground ladies to be present so that the children are handed over to an adult.

Fairtrade Fortnight

This morning Mrs Barron talked to the children about the benefits of Fairtrade and how we can help to combat injustice by buying fairly traded products. We are now in Fairtrade Fortnight. Fairtrade products will continue to be sold this week at playtime rather than at home time. All items are priced at £1.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will take place this week. Each child has received a leaflet today with book tokens. The Book Fair starts today 5th March 2017. The Book Fair will be open each day at 3.30pm in the school hall. Please encourage your children to come along

and spend their voucher. If they would like to reserve books, then this can be done when their class visits the book fair during the week. Thank you for your support.

Art Gallery

On Tuesday 20th March 2018, the school hall will be transformed into an art gallery and parents or grandparents will be able to purchase their child's framed art pictures.

The event will run from 3.00pm - 6.30pm.

The framed art pictures will be priced at £10. (Reduced price of £8 each if buying 3 or more).

Ruby Lyon

Last week, Ruby Lyon one of our Year 4 children had the privilege of meeting and presenting the Duchess of Cambridge with some flowers at Kensington Palace. Ruby was chosen as a Rainbow child in recognition of her mum's work on improving maternity safety working alongside the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecology.

Take a look at the website for pictures.

'Nit's



We have had several incidents of head lice in school. Head lice is a normal part of

childhood and school life - in the UK around 8% of primary school children have head lice at any one time.

We can fight the spread of head lice but we need to work together. If you find head lice on your child's hair, then please inform school. You can

get expert advice about diagnosis and treatment by looking at the 'Once a Week, Take a Peek' website which is www.onceaweektakeapeek.com.

One of the simplest ways to deter head lice is to tie your child's hair back with a bobble or slide. Please note that if your child is found to have 'live' lice they are removed from the classroom and we ask you to take them home to be treated immediately.

Crucial Crew

On Wednesday 7th March 2017 our Year 5 children will be attending Crucial Crew at the Stobart Stadium. The children will learn about basic Health & Safety Procedures eg awareness of electrical hazards, dialling 999 etc. The children will be involved in a fitness session on the outdoor pitch led by the Vikings. They therefore **need to wear trainers and an outdoor coat**. Please return permission slips asap. Thank you.

Blue Planet Aquarium

As part of their science curriculum the Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting the Blue Planet Aquarium on Thursday 15th March. Please send in monies as soon as possible. If any parents would like to help on the day, please speak to any of the Year 1 and 2 teachers. Thank you.

Dogs

Over the last couple of weeks some parents have been letting their dogs (even though they are on a lead) come onto the school premises via the gate that leads onto the lane at the back of the school. Also some parents are bringing their dogs

in whilst holding them. Can we please remind parents that dogs are not allowed on school premises due to health and safety reasons.

Could we please remind dog owners to clear up any dog faeces especially in the vicinity of the school. Thank you.

Young Writers' Storyland Competition

Several of our KS1 children have written short stories and these have been submitted to the above competition. The children who have been chosen will have their work published in a book. Their works have been chosen on creativity, imagination and expression. Congratulations to all who have been chosen.

Quote of the Week

"Instead of asking for an easier life, ask God to make you a stronger person".
Psalm 29:11.

Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts this week are for one  of our TA's Lyndsey Brennen who will be having knee surgery later on this week. We also pray for the staff team at St Bert's as they undergo scrutiny during our inspection.

God Bless!