

# 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)

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### Welcome Back

We hope you had a wonderful Easter Holidays. Hopefully you feel refreshed and ready for a busy few weeks ahead of us.

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### Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Andy Keeley. Andy will be talking to the children about the end of the Easter Story.

Please stay for tea and coffee in the staffroom afterwards.

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### Dates for your Diary

Dates for your Diary will be attached to next week's newsletter.

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### Hoax E-mail

Some of you may be aware that prior to the holiday some schools received a malicious e-mail threatening our children. St Bert's did not receive this e-mail, however we were made well aware of its content. With respect to this we followed the L.A.'s and the Police advice which explained that the National Crime Agency were investigating the e-mail and since it was not isolated to Cheshire it was believed to be a hoax, therefore they advised schools to carry on the day as normal.

This particular day happened to be our Grandparents Afternoon and so more adults

than usual were in school. We shared our knowledge of the e-mail with the Grandparents so that they were aware of it. We also went through our security and lockdown procedures so that they, together with the teachers, could help safeguard the children if the need arose.

At 1.54pm we received a message to say the e-mails were a malicious hoax. Since then a teenager believed to be connected with the e-mails has been arrested in Hertfordshire.

As a school, it is very difficult when these sorts of things occur and decisions have to be made in view of the potential risk in order to gauge an appropriate response. Thank you for your support and co-operation on the day in question.

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### SIAMS Report

Following our recent SIAMS inspection we are pleased to inform you that St Bert's achieved the highest grade of "OUTSTANDING" in all areas. If you would like to read the report it is available on the school website.

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### Menai Meeting

Menai Meeting for all parents of Year 5 children will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 3.15pm in the school hall.

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### Year 6 London Visit



As is tradition our Year 6 children will be going on a theatre experience to London. The visit is planned for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This year the children will be going to see a performance of Roald Dahl's Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre. All Year 6 children will bring home a letter relating to the above this evening.

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### Maths Booster Club

Maths Booster Club will resume this Wednesday. There are 4 more sessions remaining. Thank you.

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### Gardening Club

Gardening club will begin this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April for



5 weeks. Please meet in Mrs O'Neil's classroom. This is for the group of children who have already signed up in the Autumn term and have been waiting patiently for their turn! There are currently no more spaces for other children to join but Mrs O'Neil will try to continue the club if weather and time allows.

Please bring a change of clothes, a waterproof coat with a hood and old shoes/trainers/wellies. The children will go out whatever the weather and the club will

be on every week come rain or shine!

Children should be collected from the school hall at **4.30pm (please note this is later than the usual end for clubs)** by a known adult - unless permission has been given for the child to walk home alone. Mrs O'Neil is looking forward to seeing you.

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### **Going the Extra Mile**

We hope over the Easter break you had a chance to read the sponsor form for our schools' Lent Charity Event which Mrs O'Neil is co-ordinating. We hope you have been able to collect some sponsors - whatever you can gather, large or small. The money will truly change someone's life for the better. Thank you in advance for your support so... **Let's get collecting pounds for pounding the pavements, wonga for walking and lolly for our laps!** I know I can count on you St Bert's! Love Mrs O xxx.

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### **Grand Easter Raffle/Art Exhibition/Grandparents Afternoon**

Our Grand Easter Raffle, Art Exhibition and Grandparents Afternoon raised a fantastic total of over £700.00. A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and/or their child's artwork.

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### **Grandparents Afternoon**

It was a delight to see 157 of our Grandparents come into school for our Annual Grandparents Afternoon before half term. It was so lovely to see you all and the children enjoyed having you in school so that they could show

off their work as well as the eggshibits.

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### **New Summer School Menus**

From today we will have an exciting new Summer school menu. The new menus are available on the school website. You will see that we are now on a 3 week cycle rather than a 4 but there are some new and exciting yummy dinners available. We are still having a Roast and Jacket Potato on Wednesday as usual.

Please can we remind parents that if you require your child to have a school dinner that they commit to the whole half term. Having a school dinner on the odd day is not feasible due to the fact that Zena has to order her food 2 weeks in advance.

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### **Class Photographs**

On Thursday of this week we will be having our annual class photographs. We will be following the usual format of class photographs for all year groups, sports groups etc., in addition, we will be having Leaver's Books produced for the Year 6 children.

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### **Threadworm**

Threadworms are the most common worm parasite in children in the UK, affecting up to half of all under 10s. The risk of other family members getting them from an infected child is as high as 75%.

Threadworm eggs can get stuck under fingernails and can be transferred to the mouth or onto surfaces and clothes. If other people touch an infected surface, they can

then transfer the eggs to their mouths.

They are passed on by poor hygiene, not washing your hands after going to the toilet or coming into contact with objects contaminated by worm eggs.

Could we please ask all parents to remind their children to wash their hands regularly, especially after going to the toilet.

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### **Quote of the Week**

"God grant me the courage to change the things I can, the patience to accept the things I can't, and the wisdom to know the difference."

James 1:5

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### **Prayers**

Our prayers and thoughts this week are for the family of Bobby Houghton.



God Bless!