

# 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



A warm welcome back to you all, especially our new families whose children are

joining the reception classes. We hope that the children soon settle down and begin to feel part of the St Bert's Family.

Please note we would welcome any new parents to join our fund raising group "The Friends of St Bert's". Our next meeting takes place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 in the staff room at 2.30pm.

### Family Worship

Each week on a Tuesday we have family worship in the school hall. The assembly is led either by Mrs Barron, a visitor or friend of the school. On this occasion we invite parents, grandparents and toddlers to join us. The assembly begins at 9.15 am and last approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.

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

### Thank You

All the staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents who sent in cards and gifts at the end of last term. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity and show of appreciation.

### Parent Governors

As you are probably already aware, the school Governing Body is made up of various representatives including School PCC, Local Authority and Parents. In November of this year a new Parent Governor will need to be elected (a further parent governor will need to be appointed in February). If you think you may be interested in becoming a school governor, then please speak to Mrs Barron who will give you

further details about the role and expectations. Obviously you will need to be nominated and where there is more than one candidate a vote, by the parents, will take place.

### PE Kit

Could all parents please ensure that their child/children have the correct PE kit in school **every day**. The children should have the following:

White T/Shirt

White Sports

Black Pumps/trainers for KS2

School joggers or similar for the winter period.

### How to help your child

Parents are often asking for ways in which they can support their child at school.

This week we would like to put the emphasis on one of the most important ways in which you can help your child which is in establishing a good school routine:-

- . Early bed time
- . Regular reading time (preferably not bed time for school books)
- . Storytime/sharing time at bed time.
- . Homework space away from any distractions eg iPads, laptops, TV etc
- . Up early in the morning and arriving at school on time
- . PE kit and other equipment eg pens etc in school

### Volunteers

We would very much like to encourage as many parents as possible to support our class teachers and their children over the coming year. This can involve supporting daily reading practice, photocopying, book making and various other tasks. If there are any parents or grandparents who could spare some time on a regular basis, morning or afternoon, then please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Barron.

### Delamere Meeting - Year 3

Delamere meeting for all parents of Year 3 children will take place in the school hall on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 3.30pm

### School Dinners



Can we please remind parents that school dinners cost £2.50 a day, £12.50 a week and £85.00 for the

term. Thank you. Cheques need to be made payable to Halton Borough Council.

### Free School Meals

All children in **Key Stage 1** are entitled to a Free School Meal. We have listed below a few reminders:

- . menus are on the website
- . jacket potatoes are **NOT** available every day.
- . parents of children with allergies need to liaise directly with Zena (the cook).
- . **children cannot order meals on a day to day basis**
  - . Meals need to be ordered for the whole half term (payment can be weekly).

Any parents of children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in receipt of any benefits which will entitle you to free school meals will still need to fill in a form from Halton Borough Council so that the Council are aware of the criteria under which you qualify for a meal. Please see Gill if you have any queries.

### Residential Visits

We will shortly have a full list of this academic year's residential visits and approximate costs. Please be reminded that saving cards are available from the office.

### Savings Cards

We are conscious of the increasing cost of school visits and residential. For this reason we operate an in house savings scheme which we encourage

parents to use. The basic idea is that the cost of any school activity or event is paid for in advance using a weekly or monthly payment. You will be given a savings card which is initialled each time you deposit any money at the office. The cost of any trips and visits are then deducted. Please call into the office and speak to Gill if you would like a card. Many parents of our younger children have said how useful this is when their children move up the school and are attending expensive residential.

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### Reception Parents - Home School Agreement Forms

Can we please ask all new Reception parents to sign their Home School Agreement Forms (inside your induction pack). Please send these into school asap.

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### Names in Clothes and Shoes

Please can parents make sure that all uniform including shoes is marked with their child's name. Uniform is very expensive to buy and it can be frustrating when there are brand new items which cannot be identified, also when three children have similar Clarks shoes. Thank you!

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### Checking school bags

Can we please ask parents to check their child's bag each day for letters, newsletters, homework, information about trips etc. Also please keep an eye on the school website where we will notify you of any urgent information of which you need to be aware, eg school closure. Thank you!

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### Holidays in term time

Our policy is on our school website. If you cannot avoid a holiday in term time then you need to fill in a form in the school office requesting permission for authorised absence.

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### Website Permission

For parents new to school, St Bert's has a website



[www.stbertelines.org.uk](http://www.stbertelines.org.uk) where we can show off the children's work during the term, show pictures of them on their residentials, publish holiday dates, policies and

newsletters. We often take photographs of the children; they love to see their work and themselves on the website. We take it that we have permission to use photographs of your child **UNLESS YOU ADVISE US OTHERWISE**. Please note that we never include a child's name with a photograph. If you wish for your child's photograph **NOT TO BE PUT ONTO THE WEBSITE**, then please speak to Mrs Barron.

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### Contact Details

From time to time we experience difficulty in contacting parents in an emergency. If for any reason you have changed your contact details, especially new mobile phones, please let us know immediately.

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### Dates for your Diary

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

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### Parking

Just a word of warning to our new parents. The end of the school day is always hectic as far as traffic is concerned. If at all possible, could you please walk or maybe cycle to school. If you have to bring a vehicle, then please watch your speed **"20 IS PLENTY!"** Also park with consideration for residents. Please be warned that it is illegal to park on either of the roundabouts outside school.

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### Nortonwood Lane...a personal plea!

Over the many years I have been at St Bert's (32 yrs) the school population has gradually increased. We have always shared a wonderful and supportive relationship with our local residents and many of the families currently or in the past have/had children at St Bert's. On many occasions they have kindly allowed us to use Nortonwood Lane as an overspill car park when we have had events on at school eg Sports Day/Christmas Fairs etc. Unfortunately, of late some parents have compromised the relationship with our school neighbours and have not been

considerate when driving or parking their vehicles ie blocking parked vehicles, parking on the pavement/grass or generally driving too fast. Embarrassingly, some parents/grandparents have even been verbally abusive to the residents (in front of the children in their care!!).

Could I please ask that we all try to work together so that

1. Our local residents continue to be supportive of the school
2. The health and safety of the children is not compromised
3. No child witnesses any kind of verbal abuse or conflict and instead sees adults behaving in an "adult" fashion!!

I feel sure that if we all allow a little more time, avoid rushing and generally approach life in a much calmer and more considerate way, everybody will feel the benefit. I thank you in advance for your support!

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### Quote of the Week

Life is an echo  
What you send out - comes back.  
What you sow - you reap.  
What you give - you get.  
What you see in others - exists in you.  
Do not judge - so you will not be judged  
Radiate and give LOVE - and LOVE comes back to you.

Wise words.

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### Prayers

Prayers this week are for are for our Reception children as they begin their new adventure at school. Also for the children who have recently left St Bert's to begin their next chapter of their education.



God Bless!