

St Bertelina's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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St Bert's News

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Family Worship

Family worship this week will be led by Mr Andy Keeley.

Worship this half term will focus on Morals and Values.

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!

Happy St Bert's Day

Happy St Bert's Day for yesterday (and Happy Birthday Mr Mac!).

Today the children once again heard the story of St Bertelina, the hermit, who dedicated his life to God after a rather nasty incident!

Ask your child to tell you the story!

Quick Chats with Teachers

Can we please remind parents that if they wish to have a chat with their child's teacher that they do so at the end of the school day. At the start of the school day it is important that the teacher spends his/her time settling the children and preparing for the school day ahead. Thank you.

Year 6

Tomorrow afternoon the Principal (Emlyn) and Stacey Stagg from Ormiston Bolingbroke will be visiting St Bert's at 2.30pm to talk to the current Year 6 children. Parents are welcome to attend.

Individual Photographs

On Friday 21st September the school photographer will be in school to take individual portraits of the children as well as family groups. On this occasion the photographers will start taking photographs from 08.30am onwards. New parents, please be aware that you can bring in younger siblings who are not of school age to join their brothers and sisters for a photograph in the school hall before 8.30am.

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.

Delamere Meeting - Year 3

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

Residential Visits

Listed below are the forthcoming residential visits.

Delamere 1 (Year 3)

24th - 26th Sept 2018 £104

Delamere 2 (Year 3)

3rd - 5th Oct 2018 £104

Tattenhall (Year 2)

24th Jan 2019 Approx £110

Beeston/Burwardsley (Year 4)

27th Feb - 1st March 2019

Approx £110

Menai (Year 5)

13th - 17th May 2019

Approx £285

Year 6 event

To be advised.

School Dinners



Can we please remind parents that school dinners cost £2.50

a day, £12.50 a week and £85.00 for the half term.

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

Friends of St Bert's

There will be a Friends of St Bert's meeting on Friday 21st September to discuss forthcoming fundraising events as well as other Christmas activities.

We would welcome any new parents to join us, if you cannot make the meeting but would like to help in any way, please leave your name with Gill in the office. Thank you.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Dates for your Diary is attached to this week's newsletter.

Geo Bars

As part of our continuing commitment to Fairtrade, Tracey will be selling Geo Bars on Thursday break time at 40p each.

Messy 'Harvest' Church

Messy 'Harvest' Church will take place this Sunday 16th September 2018.

Fun activities for everyone, interactive worship and a shared lunch all together. No charge is made for Messy Church but donations are welcomed. For more information contact 01928 716523.

High School Open

Days/Evening

Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy is holding an open evening on Thursday 27th September 2018. Start time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm.

100 Club

Can we remind you about our 100 club. Gill in the office kindly organises our 100 club. The idea is that you buy a number for £10 for the year. Each month a number will be drawn out (during Family Worship) and the winning number will receive £50. If you would like to buy a number, please see Gill in the office. Thank you.

Choir

There are going to be two 'taster sessions' for any new children wishing to join the choir. These will be Friday 12th October and Friday 19th October. Any **new members** will need to complete the permission slip on the letters given out by Mrs O'Neil. It is assumed all **past members** will be returning, unless they inform Mrs O'Neil otherwise. She is very much looking forward to welcoming

members, old and new, on **Friday 12th October. 3.15pm - 4.15pm in the hall.**

Gardening Club

Mrs O'Neil is hoping to reinstate the Gardening Club in the near future. We are looking for a regular adult volunteer who could support in the running of this club on a weekly basis (Wednesday's 3.15pm - 4.30pm). If you are interested or know of anyone eg a grandparent who would like to help, please contact Mrs O'Neil.

Parking on Lane

Please do not park by the green barrier! Thank you!

Fluency Factor

Each year our school chooses to focus on aspects of education which it feels will benefit the children. Governors, teachers and teaching assistants are all involved in the self-evaluation process which dictates these priorities.

This year, we have become increasingly aware that children are accessing a lot of reading material on screen but less through books and magazines. We have also noticed that children's skills at reading aloud are weakening. With this in mind we have decided to focus a lot of energy on encouraging children to engage with texts. We will be promoting reading in general, use of the local library, rehearsing and reading aloud, talk for writing, constructive use of the reading diary and various other initiatives. The whole idea is to develop in the child a love of reading for pleasure as well as to give them the best possible chance of success in

any reading assessments carried out.

'Nit's



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.

Quote of the Week

The following words are the chorus to the St Bert's song written by Heather Smallwood (the first Deputy Head of St Bert's)

Stop and think, what is good?
Have I done the best I could?
Stop and think, what is good?
Am I living the life I should?

Prayers

Prayers this week are for both Mr Keeley and Jo Cotton both of whom have said bon voyage to their children who have begun adventures abroad!
God Bless!

