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St Bert's News

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new academic year. We are all really excited about being back at school, children and teachers alike!

It is lovely that the majority of St Bert's families have been able to entrust their children to our staff who have spent a lot of time planning how they will accommodate, teach and look after the children in their care. The children are now settling in and getting used to the new routines which involve an awful lot of hand washing!

Thank you



A huge thank you to the families who were so kind in sending cards

and gifts at the end of last term. We are very grateful for your show of appreciation and it helps us to feel extremely valued in our work.

Letter from Halton Borough Council

It is imperative that you read the Halton Borough Council to parents, (which is on the school website). This letter sets out exactly what you have to do if your child becomes unwell and the procedure that you must follow. Please be reminded that if your child goes for a Covid test and it is proven to be negative, they will not

be allowed back into school until we have seen written confirmation (text or email).

Covid-19 Home School Agreement

Each child should have brought home a copy of our Covid-19 Home School Agreement. This basically lays down the rules which we have to follow in the coming months. Please take some time to read this leaflet so that you are absolutely clear about our expectations of parents during this pandemic.

We hope that you can see that we have taken a common sense approach which is based upon strict hygiene rules and clear systems for communication.

Communication

The new system of starting and finishing the school day means that there is not a natural opportunity to communicate with the class teacher. We would therefore like to suggest that should you need to talk to your class teacher you contact the school office in the first instance. A message will then be passed on to the teacher who will contact you at their earliest convenience.

E-mail communication

We are currently verifying our list of email contacts with our web provider so that we can begin to communicate important information to you on a regular basis eg Newsletters

Coats

As a result of the starting and finishing arrangements, as well as the fact that we are encouraged to spend a large proportion of the school day outside, could you please ensure that your child brings a suitable waterproof coat to school.

Mobile phones in school

Can we please remind parents that should your child be required



to bring a mobile phone on the school premises, you need to fill in a Mobile Phone Permission Agreement (which can be downloaded off the school website on Mobile Phone, Tablet and Camera Policy for Pupils).

Walking home alone

We are aware that some of our Year 5 & 6 children may come home without an adult. Obviously as parents you will have considered whether this is appropriate for your child and talked about any risks attached. As a school, we feel we need to know whether you have given permission for your child to walk home alone. If this is the case could you please ask your child to request a form from their teacher which you need to complete. Thank you for your support.

Social Distancing

We are aware that the path alongside the school is very narrow and is not conducive to social distancing. We have approached the council to ask

for the road- side hedge to be trimmed as we recognise that this is a potential health and safety problem. Any parents who have mentioned this to me are encouraged to contact the council themselves in order to strengthen our case.

Cashless Payments

We are hoping that our cashless payment system will shortly be up and running. Further details/instructions will be available next week.

Quote of the Week

This week we are talking about kindness and how important it is in current times to consider the needs of other in all that we do.

By following the social rules expected of us all we can show our respect for each other and so be kind to ourselves and others.

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself

Matthew Ch22 v. 39

Prayers

Our prayers this week are for our school family as we are once again reunited.

May God's presence provide comfort and give us the hope and faith to cope with the ever changing picture of our lives.

God Bless!