

# St Bertelne'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)

9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### COVID Figures

Below are our up to date figures regarding the current pandemic. To date 31 of our children have had a negative test result.  
1 child has had a positive test result  
1 child awaiting test result  
9 of our children are isolating

5 of our staff have had a negative test result  
No staff have had a positive test result  
No staff are awaiting test results  
No staff are isolating

### Harvest

WOW!! Our Harvest gifts that were sent to the Runcorn Foodbank provided 508 meals. Thank you!

### Consultation Letter

As agreed in July 2020, the Governors are now at the point of opening a formal consultation on the decision to close the school to pupils on one afternoon (currently Friday) every week.

Thank you so much for your responses, it is encouraging to see so many of you taking the time to share your thoughts.

All responses will be shared and discussed as part of the consultation at our governors meeting this week. We will inform you of the outcome as soon as possible.

### Home Learning



As more and more children are isolating due to contact with positive cases, it is essential that we provide home learning should they be at home for long periods

Obviously the most important thing for a child to be doing is to continue reading. Systems can be set up whereby reading material can be provided if there is none available in the home. In addition, learning spellings and practising times tables for older children is time well spent. Each class teacher will provide specific work which mirrors to some degree the work going on in school via our school website (class page, homework tab, see home learning).

In addition, we are currently in the process of setting up our digital platform which will enable remote learning to take place should this be deemed necessary.

The system we will be using is in line with the DfE's platform provisioning programme and is the GSuite platform. Staff are currently receiving training through an approved Google for Education Partner. Obviously demand from individual schools is very high, however we are near the top of the list and will endeavour to get our teachers and pupils up and running on Google Classroom as soon as possible.

### Sad News!!!!

Sadly one of our long standing staff members, Julie Topping has decided to take her well-earned retirement. Julie has worked at the school for 23 years as our Business Manager and it is without any doubt that we are very sad to see her go. Julie is planning to leave at Christmas. The post is currently in the process of being advertised on the Halton Borough Council website. Please share this information with anybody you know who may have the required qualifications and skills for this post.



### Speeding!!!!

Could we please ask parents to slow down when driving down Norton Lane. Thank you.

### Mrs Dix

Congratulations to Mrs Dix and her husband Tom on the birth of their new baby boy Ralph Thomas. We look forward to meeting our newest member of the St Bert's family.

### Children in Need

This year we would like to do our bit in supporting Children in Need this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The children can come into school in anything spotty, Pudsey related or their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation for this worthy cause.



For details on how to connect  
please email  
[stbertszoom@gmail.com](mailto:stbertszoom@gmail.com)

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### Halton Borough Council Letter

Please take the time to look at the recent letter received from the Strategic Director regarding the national lockdown. The letter will be sent along with the newsletter via email.

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### Christmas



As Christmas approaches we are doing our best to bring some festive cheer to St Bert's. We have planned a

couple of activities which we hope the children will enjoy; although there is no doubt we are going to miss our usual productions, school discos and special acts of worship. Further details to follow.

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### Flu Jabs

Just a reminder that on Wednesday of this week a team of nurses will be in school to administer the flu nasal spray. Please ensure that you have returned your form choosing the correct option for your child.

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### St Bert's Church Activities

#### Messy Church

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, St Bert's Church holds a Messy Church via Zoom. If you would like to take part in this event, please contact  
[stbertschurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stbertschurchoffice@gmail.com)  
to request your activity pack.

#### Quiz Night

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday St Bert's Church holds a quiz night via Zoom. The next quiz night takes place on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 at 8pm.

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### Sunday Services

Sunday services are held via the St Bert's Facebook page. Church is open for private prayer on Sunday's at 9.30am. Just turn up.

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### Quote of the Week


This week we are focussing on Remembrance Sunday and why it is important to remember. On Wednesday we will be having our usual 2 minute silence in order for us to remember those whose lives have been affected by war.

Peace starts with a smile. It's as simple as that!

Numbers 6:26

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### Prayers

Our prayers this week are for the Dix family as they get accustomed to life with their new addition. 

God Bless!