

# 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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### Current Situation



Welcome back to the second half of the spring term.

The sun is shining the birds are singing and there is a feeling of hope in the air - or at least that is what we believe Mr Johnson will announce later on today!

Following his announcement this evening the Governors and school will put into place the necessary arrangements depending on the Government's decision. We remain optimistic that we will be seeing more of our pupils in the coming weeks.

### COVID Figures Week 1

The figures below reflect our current Covid situation.

Obviously the figures pertain to the date and time of publishing this newsletter.

0 children have had a positive test result since Christmas.

0 children are awaiting test results

1 child currently isolating (external contact)

0 staff members have had a positive test result since Christmas

0 staff are awaiting test results.

1 member of staff is shielding.

### COVID PCR Tests

The Government have recently identified further symptoms (in addition to the persistent cough, the temperature and the lack of

taste or smell) which they would like to trigger a Covid PCR Test. These triggers are:

- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New persistent fatigue
- A persistent headache
- Muscle or body ache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

If you have a combination of any of these wider symptoms you are encouraged to go for a Covid PCR test. See Government website for further details.

### Lent

We hope you all enjoyed making your pancakes



last week. We also hope you managed to watch the Faith at Home video referring to acts of kindness.

Lent is the time when Jesus prayed and fasted for 40 days in the desert. He needed this time to think and talk to God. Jesus knew that his time on earth was coming to an end and that He was going to suffer and die. He prayed to God, His Father, asking Him for help through this very difficult time.

For us, Lent is a time to pray for God's help, to thank Him for all that we have and to ask Him to forgive us for sometimes making the wrong choices.

We need to remind ourselves that God will always forgive us if we are truly sorry. Of course if God is willing to forgive us, we must try to forgive other people when they make the wrong choices!

During Lent we should all try to be kind in one way or another. You can show a kind smile, say a kind word or do a kind deed. Showing kindness makes the world a happier place.

### Chat Health

Chat Health is an anonymous digital messaging service where parents can text their Health Visitor or School Nurse to receive help and support quickly and safely. The dedicated Halton Parent Line number is 07480635988. By simply texting the number, one of the dedicated professionals will get back to you. For more information [chathealth.nhs.uk](http://chathealth.nhs.uk)

### Fit4Life

There are a number of bitesize sessions relating to various childhood issues including, fussy eating and snacking, mental health and well-being, sleep and screens.

Please visit [HIT@halton.gov.uk](mailto:HIT@halton.gov.uk) to book a place.

### Happy Birthday

Seeing as we are unable to wish our pupils Happy Birthday in assembly, we thought we would start putting weekly birthday's in our newsletter.

Happy Birthday to George Martin who is 9 today and to Charlie Edgar who will become a 'double

digit dude' on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021. We hope you both have a lovely lockdown birthday.

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#### **Friday early closing for pupils**

Just to inform you that the Governors have reviewed the early closing on a Friday and a letter detailing their decision is to be published imminently.

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#### **Demand for places**

Prior to the half term holiday we had a number of parents contact school requesting key worker places for their child. Unfortunately, we are now at the point whereby admitting further children would jeopardise the safety of all those in school. The Governors have looked at the square footage of our various classrooms and realised that in order to adhere to our risk assessment and mitigate the risk for all stakeholders we must limit the number of children in the building, otherwise there would be little point in us being closed. With the promise of wider opening now on the horizon, could we please ask you to bear with us until we are clear as to what the future holds.

Could we also remind those families who are currently using a key worker place that if it is no longer required then please feel free to keep your child at home so that another family can benefit.

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#### **New Admissions**

The Governors are currently reviewing all applications for the next academic year.

Families will find out by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April whether or not they have a place for their child at St Berteline's.

As soon as we are aware of the names of all children coming to join us in September, we will get in touch with the families to begin to implement our transition arrangements.

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#### **Quote of the Week**

"No act of kindness however small is ever wasted".

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Aesop

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#### **Prayers**

This week our prayers are for all bereaved families who are suffering the loss of a loved one. We especially think about those in our St Bert's family including Lisa Stone (one of our ex-colleague).

God Bless you all!