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18th September 2023

Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Christine Greeve and Paul Otter from St Bert's Church. All parents welcome.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 3rd October 2023. ~This year we will be collecting items for our local food bank as well as offering gifts to Halton Hospice. This is a great way of teaching the children how blessed they are and how important it is to share with others.

On the day of Harvest Festival, we ask the children to bring in non-perishable food and other items eg cereal, pasta, rice, tins, nappies, toilet rolls, washing powder/capsules etc. Please join us for this Harvest gathering.

Delamere Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 3 children today with regards to the Delamere residential in the school hall at 3.30pm. You should have received an email with regards to payments.

Residential Dates

Please be advised of the dates for our forthcoming residential.

Tattenhall

18th - 19th January 2024

Burwardsley

Two groups

Group 1 - 19th - 21st February 2024

Group 2 - 21st - 23rd February 2024
(Your child will be assigned a group nearer the time).

Menai

7th - 10th May 2024

Year 6

TBA

Please note that all residential dates are now available on the School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the residential. By doing this, you can spread the cost.

New Vicar



We are pleased to announce that we have a part-time Priest in Charge joining St Bertelina's Church. His name is Danny Sedano.

He is married to Jo who works in the NHS and they have two children.

His son joined Year 1 this week. He was born in Peru and grew up in Essex. He is looking forward to getting to know everyone soon.

Contacting Teachers

From time to time, it may be necessary to contact your child's class teacher. The easiest way to do this is to have a chat to them at the end of the school day. If this is not possible, then please contact the school office who will ensure your message is relayed and if necessary, a teacher will call you back when they are free.

Google Classrooms



An email has been sent out today regarding access to Google

Classrooms.

As you are probably aware, parents are not able to access Google Classrooms.

We are sorry that this has not happened yet.

The situation is out of our control due to a third party IT provider who synchronise the information transferring. We are finding this situation as frustrating as you are! We are hoping the situation will be resolved before the end of the week.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Admission to

Primary/Secondary Schools

If your child is due to transfer from Primary to Secondary or starting Primary School in September 2024, the Admissions to Secondary School Booklet and the

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[issions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schoolsadm). (There are no hard copies). It is highly recommended that you read the booklet that is relevant to you and then complete the online application available on the above website. If you do not have access to the internet, then please visit a Halton Direct Link Office to obtain a form, where you will be given a receipt once you have submitted the form.

Supplementary Forms for Reception

If applying for St Bertelina's Primary School under the Church criteria, then supplementary forms confirming church attendance will be available from the school office and need to be returned directly to St Bert's school office.

Open Days for High School

Please refer to individual high school websites for dates and times of open days.

Please be advised that if parents are applying for Bishops C of E High School in Chester that if they are applying on the Church criteria that they fill in a supplementary form. Please contact

admissions@bishopschester.co.uk.

Earrings

By now you will hopefully know your child's PE days. Please can you ensure that children are able to take out their own earrings for PE. If this is a problem, can parents please ensure that children do not wear earrings on their PE day for health and safety reasons. If you are unsure of your child's PE days, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Holiday in Term Time

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 Days off school	100%	perfection!
equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent!
equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned

At present, there is a national effort to raise the school attendance. As a school, we have always had good attendance and been proud to achieve our 97% target. At this moment we are working towards this, which means not taking holidays during term time.

Please be reminded that our findings indicate that good performance at school is very closely linked to high attendance. We expect the majority of our pupils to have an attendance figure of 97% or above, therefore holiday requests will be unauthorised.

Clubs

Football Club

There will be a football club starting on Tuesday 26th September 2023 after school for Year 5 & 6. A google form will be sent out shortly with consent form and price.

Choir Club

Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Topping will be starting choir. It will be open to years 3-6 and will run each Friday 3:20pm - 4:30pm in the school hall. Children will need to be collected by a known adult or given permission to walk home alone.

There will be a charge of £3 per child per session in a half term block of £15 for 5 sessions. The dates for choir are as follows:

Block 1:

Friday 29th September

Friday 6th, 13th, 20, 27th October

Block 2:

Friday 10th, 17th, 24th November

Friday 1st, 8th December

To book a place please email

helen.oneil@stbertelines.co.uk

Once a place has been reserved, please pay via School Gateway (Schoolcomms) which will be available this week. In addition, a google form will be set up this week for with a consent form.

Assemblies

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents on Friday in our Celebrate and Praise assembly! Thank you! If you would like to join us, please ensure a prompt arrival, as entering the worship once it has started is very disruptive for both the children and adults.

Dinners, Schoolcomms

All year groups are now able to order a school meal on our new system. We have had good feedback from parents saying how easy this system works. Please - if you have not done so, download the app to start ordering and paying for school meals. Thank you

Website Changes

Over the summer holidays, you may have noticed changes to the school website (homepage and dropdown menus). These changes have been made to provide easier access to information on the website; however, this is still work in progress. Over the coming weeks, new information will be added. We hope you like it!

Classroom Support

Do you have any spare time to help in class? We are looking for parent's helpers who are willing to help for an hour or two in the classroom. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Administering Medication

If your child requires medication in school time, parents need to fill in an Administration of Medication Form.

https://www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve_file/19688573

Please note that school can only administer medication that has been prescribed by the doctor.

Threadworms

Threadworms is an infection that particularly affects children. Threadworm eggs can live on toys and other objects and surfaces for up to 2 weeks. Children transfer the eggs on their hands by putting them in their mouths.

Threadworms are easily treated with medicine over the counter

Parking!!

We have received a complaint today from a resident along Nortonwood Lane regarding parking last Friday. Can the owner of car registration no. AX59 UHS please refrain from parking on paths against residents fencing obstructing access for children to walk along the path.

Also, just a reminder to ALL parents that parking on double yellow lines is against the law. The Police will have no hesitation in giving tickets out to anyone parking illegally.

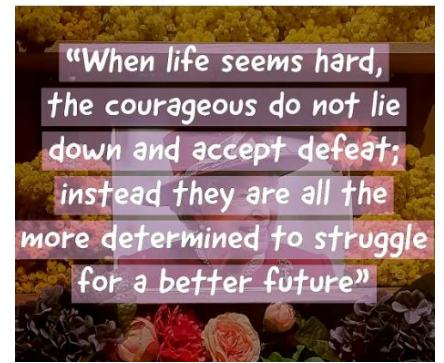
Please be considerate to all our neighbours and community. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

Due to technical errors, we cannot publish birthdays this week. To those who are celebrating their birthday this week, we hope you have a wonderful day.

We will publish belated birthdays in next week's newsletter.

Quote of the Week



A quote from our late Queen Elizabeth II

Prayers

Our prayers this week are for the people of Morocco and Libya who are dealing with devastation in their countries.

God Bless