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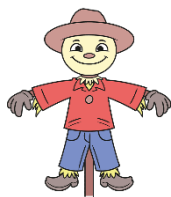
St Bert's News

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2nd October 2023

Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival will take place tomorrow.

This year we

will be collecting items for our local food bank as well as offering gifts to Halton Haven 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

Our Year 3 children had an amazing time at Delamere last week. They took part in lots of exciting things in the forest. The weather was very kind to us too! Look out for pictures on the school website.

We still have outstanding monies for Delamere. The invoice is now waiting to be

paid, so can we ask parents to please pay as a matter of urgency. If you are having difficulty getting into Schoolcomms, please get in touch with the office asap. Thank you.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October 2023. Parents can book appointment slots on-line via School Spider as we did last year. If you experience any difficulty, please contact the office.

PLEASE NOTE: Mr Ellis' appointments will be on Tuesday and **THURSDAY**, not Wednesday due to football at The Heath.

Communication

From time to time, we understand that you might have worries or concerns about school life, homework, friendships etc. Please come into school and talk to your child's teacher, who would be able to help.

WhatsApp groups are not always the best forum to resolve issues. St Bert's staff are always very approachable and supportive. If we are not

aware of a situation...we can't help!

Young Carers

Vikki from Young Carers came to talk to our KS2 children last week. She told the children what a young carer is and the kind of support available from Halton. Do you know any young carers who might need support? If so, please click on the link below:

<https://haltoncarers.co.uk/young-carers/>

Priest in Charge

Last week, our new Priest in Charge, Danny Sedano, was licensed in a ceremony at the Children's Centre. Some of our children, staff and governors attended this lovely occasion.

Scoters & Bikes

Last week there was an accident involving a small child



and a scooter. Can we please remind parents that scooters and bikes are not to be rode on the school playground due to health and safety reasons.

Open Day

St Bert's is holding its first Open Days this year for September 2024 starters. The Open Day takes place on:

25th October 2023 1.30pm - 2.30pm or 2pm - 3pm.

8/11/2023 - 5.30pm -6.30pm

Please phone the school to make a booking on 01928 719847.

The Open Day is intended to give new parents the opportunity to take a look at what St Bert's has to offer.

Football Competition

Good luck to our Year 3 & 4 children who will be representing St Bert's at the Football competition taking place at OBA on Wednesday of this week.

Residential Dates

Please be advised of the dates for our forthcoming residentials.

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 residentials are now available on the School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the

residentials, by doing this, you can spread the cost.

Google Classrooms

Can we please ask parents whose children cannot get onto Google Classrooms to contact the office.

Gill will endeavour to reset their password as quickly as possible.

Can we also ask parents to NOT change their child's password as children use this to access equipment in school as part of the IT/ computing curriculum and use their email address and password. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place on 12th October 2023 for all cohorts. Please click on the link below to fill in the e-consent form.

[St Bertelines flu e consent letter 2023.pdf](#)

Friends of St Bert's

There will be a Friends of St Bert's meeting taking place tonight (2nd October) at The Evenwood at 6.30pm. This meeting is to discuss future fundraising ideas. If you would like to get involved in fundraising for our school, why not go along?

Stay and Join In With Phonics

We had our first 'Stay and join in with phonics' last Friday which was very well attended. The purpose of this half hour session is to give parents a chance to see phonics teaching in action and learn how to best

support their child with early reading.

It was fantastic to see you all - see you again on Friday!

Safety Central

Our Year 5 children will be attending Safety Central in Lymm this Wednesday. The children learn about basic Health and Safety Procedures eg awareness of electrical hazards, dialling 999 etc. We hope they enjoy the day! We have a lot of outstanding monies. Can these be paid as a matter of urgency on Schoolcomms.

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 Admissions to Primary School Booklet that explains the arrangements are available at www.halton.gov.uk/schoolsadm [issions](#). (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 Berteline'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.

Holiday in Term Time



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 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 takes place every Wednesday.

Choir Club

Choir Club takes place every Friday.

SEND

Please take a look at our SEND page on the school website. There is lots of information regarding support for families with additional needs.

On Wednesday 11th October there will be a Coffee Morning/Drop in session held in our Bubble Room hosted by ADDvanced Solutions. 9.30am start.

Healthy School for Parents

There are lots of workshops advice with Cost of Living, Healthy Eating etc.

For more information please click on the link below:

[Halton Healthy Schools - Parents News \(padlet.com\)](http://www.halton.gov.uk/thebigconversation)

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday wishes go to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Lenny Houghton (10)
Oliver Offert (8)
Elsie Beech (6)
Freddie Dillon (6)
Emmylou Wilcox (7)

We hope you have a fabulous day!

The Big Conversation

The Big Conversation is a survey which Halton Borough Council are conducting. It is about how we can start to talk and about how together we can make Halton an even better place for people to live, work, visit and grow. Complete the survey before 30th November 2023 to be in with a chance of a winning £100 gift voucher for The Brindley. Use this QR code



or visit

www.halton.gov.uk/thebigconversation

National Trust Offer

Visit a National Trust place for free this Autumn.

Experience the awe of the season by claiming a free single-use pass to use between 18th September and 20th October 2023

For more details, please click below:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/escape-into-autumn>

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Our prayers this week are for our new Priest in Charge Danny as he embarks on his new adventure.

God Bless!