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St Bert's News

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13th November 2023

Family Worship

Tomorrow's Family Worship will be led by Mrs Moss. As this is national Anti-Bullying week she will be focusing on this issue.

It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible join us!

Anti-Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place from Monday 13th - Friday

17th November. The theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying.'



As a school community, we can show how we can all come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

Poppies for Sale



Thank you to everyone who bought red poppies, key rings, slap bands etc. The money will be collected today, and we will let you know next week how much was raised.

School Disco



WOW - what a fantastic disco we had last week! The children (and teachers) had a ball. A massive thank you to the Friends of St Bert's who organised this successful event, it raises much needed funds for the benefit of the children.

Children in Need

Children in Need will take place on this Friday 17th November 2023. Children can come into school in exchange for £1 dressed in anything spotty. Donations can be a £1 in cash or you can pay on Schoolcomms.



Clubs

Christmas Craft Club starts this week on Wednesday 15th November 2023

Recorder Club starts this week on Monday 13th November 2023

Football Club (with Mr Ellis and Craig) starts this week on 14th November 2023 for 4 sessions.

Football After School Club (Year 4 Mr Hall) every Wednesday for 5 sessions. (Children in this club have already attended the first session).

Christmas Activities

Christmas Nativity/Production

As you are probably aware our Christmas Nativity and Production preparations have already started.

Children from 4 to 11 years of age will be performing in one way or another.

Of course, not everybody can be the star of the show, but we all play an important part - teamwork is imperative!

Below are a few guidelines which we follow when arranging the Christmas shows:-

- The older children usually have the main roles and the younger children take the supporting roles - both in 'The KS2 Production' and 'The EYFS/ KS1 Nativity'.
- All children take part and are encouraged to 'shine'.
- Developing confidence is a key objective.
- We don't have formal auditions but during practising of songs we look for those who are 'standing out' from the crowd or else have a natural talent for acting and/ or

dancing. The whole experience is very positive, with lots of praise and encouragement for all involved.

Everybody enjoys being a part of our Christmas entertainment, including the staff, who get to know children throughout the school as a result of the team effort! It is hard work and the children get very tired but the result is well worth it. The ex-pupils of St Bert's always remember the Christmas shows!

jumper and school trousers / school skirt for a donation of £1.

Parents Thank You Party

The Parent's Thank You Party will be on Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 10.00am - 11.00am. If you have been in school helping or organising events, this party is a 'THANK YOU'. Please put it in your diary.

Children's Christmas Party

The Friends of St Bert's will be organising the Children's Christmas Party. This will take place on Tuesday 19th December 2023. More details to follow.

Non uniform Day

Friday 1st December is a non uniform day in exchange for bringing in donations for the school raffle. Items that are needed are: chocolates, candles, bottles of wine, toiletries or alternatively a £1 donation.

Hairstyles

Can we please remind parents that boys should have nothing less than a number two hair style, also no tram lines or coloured hair. Girls with long hair should have it tied up and only red hair bands or red bobbles used, thank you.

Holiday in Term Time



We seem to be receiving a lot of 'holiday in term time' requests.

Please be reminded that holiday requests will not be authorised.

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.

Halton SEND Parents/Carers Forum

Halton SEND Parents/Carers Forum will be in St Bert's for a drop in session. Come and have a chat, coffee and cake. Jenny and Clare from the SEND Forum will be here to answer your questions and give support. They have a wealth of knowledge about what's on offer in Halton for families with children with additional needs. Wednesday 22nd November 9.30 - 11am.

Autism Newsletters

Please find below links to two websites with lots of information for parents who have children with Autism.

The Autism Wellbeing Project CIC

<https://www.haltonsthelensvca.org.uk/updates/autism-wellbeing-project-cic-november-newsletter>

Cheshire Autism Practical Support

<https://www.cheshireautism.org.uk/>

Residentials/Delamere

We still have a number of outstanding balances for our residential trip to Delamere that

Tickets and Times

Please find below the dates and times.

EYFS / KS1 Nativity

Monday 11th December - 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December - 1.30pm

KS2 Production

Wednesday 13th December - 1.30pm

Thursday 14th December - 1.30pm

Friday 15th December - 1.30pm

Information regarding tickets will be sent out over the next week or so.

Christingle

Our Christingle Assembly will take place on 12th December. All parents welcome.

School Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 6th December. Parents can order and pay for this special dinner that Zena cooks on Schoolcomms.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Monday 18th December 2023. This is a special day where all the children and teachers can come into school wearing a Christmas

took place a couple of weeks ago. As a matter of URGENCY, please can we ask parents who have not paid to do so as soon as possible as. Please contact the school office if you have difficulties in doing this thank you.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday goes to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week:



- Iris Connolly (8)
- Nimthaka Kapugamage (6)
- Poppy Griffin (6)
- Isabella Shaffi (7)
- James Dorr (7)
- Eva Oseni (5)

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

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 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.

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.

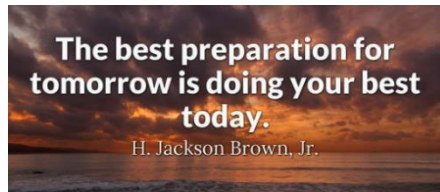
Complete the survey before 30th November 2023 to be in with a once of a winning £100 gift voucher for The Brindley. Use this QR code



or visit

www.halton.gov.uk/thebigconversation.

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Prayers this week are for all those worrying about the future and what it holds for them as a family or as an individual. We hope that you feel God's love surrounding and supporting you.
God Bless