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St Bert's News

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8th January 2024

Happy New Year!!!

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and that you and your loved ones have managed to have share some quality time together with family and friends.

We look forward to a busy and exciting Spring term together.

Family Worship Wellbeing Week

January is a good time to think about mental health, a time of resolutions and making improvements to our lives. As such, this week we are running a wellbeing week for staff and children.

Mrs Moss will be talking to the children about the 5 ways to wellbeing in Family Worship. This year we will focus on 'Being Active'.



Trampoline Workshop

We will be running a Trampoline workshop for all children on the 16th January 2024.

This will be part of our wellbeing focus on being active in a fun and energetic way.

We ask for a £1 contribution from each child. This can be

made either by cash on the day or via Schoolcomms.

<https://jdk.fitness/rebound-fit/>

Dental Hygiene Promotion

On Friday 12th January our school nurse, Rachel Lavery, will be working with our Reception, Year 2 & Year 5 children to talk about looking after their teeth. She will be raising the awareness of good hygiene habits and the importance of visiting a dentist twice a year to have your teeth checked.

Dates for your Diary

Please follow the link below for this terms dates for your Diary.

[DATES FOR THE DIARY
\(stbertelines.org.uk\)](http://stbertelines.org.uk)

Alternatively, why not head over to our website and view all activities, residentials, assemblies etc on our school calendar. Which is located at the bottom of the page.

[St Bertelina's C of E
Primary School: Our
Calendar
\(stbertelines.org.uk\)](http://stbertelines.org.uk)

Residential

Tattenhall

Tattenhall meeting for parents will take place on 8th January 2024 at 3.30pm in the school hall.

This residential is fast approaching (18th & 19th January 2024). Please make payments as soon as possible via Schoolcomms.

Burwardsley

Two groups

Group 1 - 19th - 21st February 2024

Group 2 - 21st - 23rd February 2024

You will be notified as to which group your child is in next week. On the 5th February there will be a meeting for parents at 3:30 in the school hall.

Menai

7th - 10th May 2024

Please note that all residentials are available on the School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. We encourage all our parents to pay in instalments via Schoolcomms. By doing this you can spread the cost so its not a large amount to find at the last minute.

Clubs

Science Club begins on Thursday 11th January 2023 3.20pm - 4.20pm. Children will need to be picked up after the club at the usual courtyard doors and KS1 doors.

Choir

Choir club will restart on the 12th January and run for 4 weeks.

12/01/2024
19/01/2024
26/01/2024
02/02/2024
09/02/2024

The club will cost £15 for a half term or £30 for the full term. There is a sibling discount of half price for 2nd child.

If you wish to sign up to this club please email Helen.oneil@stbertelines.co.uk

Halton Lea's Art Project

This year's Halton Lea Art Project is 'What A Wonderful World' this will take place 5th - 23rd February. St Bert's will be contributing a piece of artwork using recycled materials. We are looking for any donations of Coloured plastic bottle tops, coloured plastic bottles and packaging (such as worn out carrier bags, frozen vegetable bags, wraps from multi crisp packs etc) and magazines. Please send any donations into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Inclement Weather

In the event of there being a significant amount of snow, the Premises



Officer will do his best to clear a gritted path into school and we would encourage all parents and children to stick to the path. However, depending on how bad the weather is, it may be impossible to clear **all paths** leading into school. On these occasions it may be that we will close all gates leading into school except for the main school gate. We will always do our best to keep the school open. We will make our decision based on:

- Early morning weather and
- Road conditions (bearing in mind the steep hill on approach to school)
- The safety of the school site.
- The weather forecast for the rest of the day.

If we believe that it is unsafe for pupils or staff to travel to school, or that there will be insufficient staff to supervise pupils once in school, then we will close for the day. **We will always do our best to notify you of any closures by 8.15am when we will email all parents and make an announcement on the school website and Facebook page.**

If during the school day there is a rapid deterioration in weather conditions, we will endeavour to keep the school open until 3.15pm with a skeleton school staff. In such cases, a message may be emailed to parents and posted on the school Facebook/website informing you that you can pick your child up early from school in order to avoid additional congestion at home time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OUT AT PLAYTIME/DINNERTIME IF THEY DO NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR, IE WATERPROOF SNOW BOOTS OR WELLINGTONS.

Absence

Can we please remind parents that if your child is unable to attend school due to illness the following procedure should take place:

- School to be contacted on first day of absence to provide a reason for non-attendance using our answerphone service for Attendance (select option 2) or alternatively via School Spider.
- Update the school on the third day of non-attendance if the absence is expected to continue.
- Lastly a letter explaining why your child has been

absent from school.

Stationery/PE Kits

A large number of children are running out of stationery as they have been working so hard last half term. Please could parents ensure their KS2 child has a working fountain pen (blue) and a red and black fine liner for school every day.

Please ensure your child has the correct kit for their PE lessons in school. An indoor and outdoor kit is needed.

A Big Thank you to.....

A big thank you to those parents who sent in gifts for teachers and other staff before Christmas. They were very much appreciated and brightened the days of many.

Thank you to Heather and Tracey who spent a considerable amount of time organising the tickets for our school productions.

Volunteers

Do you have some spare time in the mornings to support our class teachers first thing in the morning. We have a number of children who need daily reading practice in order to progress and develop their reading ability. If there are any parents or grandparents who could spare approximately 20 mins every morning to listen to a child read, then please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Moss. Thank you!

Happy Birthday

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



Harper Jones (7)
Emily Hignett (5)
Tabitha Wiseman (10)
Daisy Boulton (7)
Jacob Bulter-Hughes (6)
Ruby McGarry (6)
Ted Woodcock (8)

We hope you have a wonderful day!

Astronomy Evening Parents why not come along with your children to find out about the night sky, the moon, planets, star patterns and more?

One of our Governors, Liz Gwynne will be holding an Astronomy Evening on 18th January at 5pm till 7pm in the school hall.

If it is a clear night, you can have a chance to look through a telescope and binoculars.

Runcorn Reps (Swim Club)

Runcorn Reps are looking for new members to keep the club viable. If you are interested, please contact:

Secretary.runcornreps@gmail.com

Or visit

<http://www.runcornreps.co.uk/>

Runcorn Junior Cricket Club

Runcorn Junior Cricket Club are looking for new players for our Under 9s and Under 11s teams for the 2024 season. The club will be hosting two free 'taster sessions' for children in school year's 3-6 on the following dates:

- Monday 19th February - School Years 3 and 4
- Monday 26th February - School Years 5 and 6

These sessions - led by ECB qualified coaches - will take place at St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust (St Chads) from 5-6pm in the sports hall. All equipment will be provided.

There are 24 spaces available for each session and these will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Parents will be contacted to confirm whether their child has a place.

Booking link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBDQNC8>

OBA Saturday WOW Days

Open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6!

The following dates are now available to be booked:

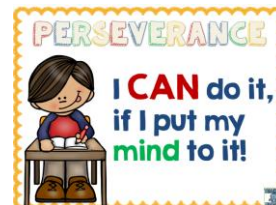
- Saturday 13th January 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 20th January 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 27th January 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 3rd February 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 24th February 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 2nd March 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 9th March 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 16th March 2024 (9am - 12pm)
- Saturday 23rd March 2024 (9am - 12pm)

Please contact the academy to book your child a place : 01928 711643

Please note the sessions are free of charge but will be allocated on a first come, first

Quote of the Week

Our school New Year's Resolution for 2024 is 'Perseverance' We have been talking to the children, about being persistent in doing something, despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.



Prayers

Prayers this week are for anyone who is struggling with their mental health.

May they feel God's love and support.

God Bless them!