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St Bert's News

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15th January 2024

Family Worship

There will be no Family Worship this week due to the trampoline workshop for all children. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. Thank you.

Next week's Family Worship will be led by Rock Steady Music.

Trampoline Workshop



The trampoline workshop for all children takes place tomorrow.

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/>

Tattenhall

Our Year 2 will be enjoying their two days at Tattenhall this week. Let's hope the teddies are ready and very excited. We hope you all have an amazing time and look forward to hearing all about your adventures.

Please make payments as soon as possible via Schoolcomms.

Building Work - Advance Notice

This is to inform parents that building work on the main entrance into school and the reconfiguring of the school office will start during the Easter holidays. This will affect pedestrian entrances and exits to the school site. More

information will follow as soon as we have details. We anticipate some disruption but hopefully this will be minimal.

Residential

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 this week. On the 5th February there will be a meeting for parents at 3:30 in the school hall.

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7th - 10th May 2024

Please note that all residential 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 it's not a large amount to find at the last minute.

Cheshire Fire Brigade

Cheshire Fire Brigade are due to come out to talk to our Year 5 children on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th January 2024. They will talk about the importance of fire safety and how to keep safe in the home. They will learn about the importance of smoke alarms, their locations and what to do in the event of a fire.

Clubs

Science Club is every Thursday until 8th February 2024. 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 runs every Friday for 4 weeks.

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

Football Club

Active Soccer Football Club is on a Tuesday for Year 5 /6 children until 8th February 2024 at 3.20pm - 4.15pm

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.

Little Mermaid

One of our Year 3 /4 children, Isla, is taking part a production of The Little Mermaid. Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/theheathdramagroup.

The production takes place on Thursday 15th - Saturday 17th February starting at 7.15pm at The Heath Methodist Church, Vista Road, WA7 4PB

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.

Coats, hats and gloves

Can we please ask parents to ensure that their child's coat, hats and gloves are named. Thank you for your support.

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.

Online Safety Parent Workshop

The online Safety Parent Workshop takes place this Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the school hall. Please note that this workshop is for parents and their children together.

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.

Halton Young Carers Newsletter

Halton Young Carers Newsletter has lots of free trips and activities for registered Young carers.

Also, there is a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at St Bert's with a representative from Halton Carers to give advice and support for adults and children who may be carers of other family members such as parents, siblings and children.

<http://tinyurl.com/HCCYCNewsletterJan24>

Household Support Fund

Halton Borough Council now have a number of schemes that are available to help you, this is due to funding from the household support fund which has come to us via central government. These schemes will run from April 2023 until March 2024. Please check below to see if you qualify.

[Household Support Fund Leaflet.pdf](#)

Friends of St Bert's

Friends of St Bert's are looking for any unwanted Christmas presents that could be donated to school ready for our up and coming Bingo Night. All donations grateful received.

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:



Heather Sinclair (21 again!!!)
Melia-Dot Soppitt (8)
Kaya Brind (9)
Charlotte Walker-Ford (6)
Ella Watkins (7)
Faith Fitzgerald (6)
Eden Rees (7)

We hope you have a wonderful day!

OBA Saturday WOW Days

Quote of the Week

Always find time for the things that make you feel happy to be alive!!



Prayers

Prayers this week are for anyone who is struggling with nasty coughs, colds and sore throats. We hope you feel better soon. May they feel God's love and support.

God Bless them!