

# St Bertelina's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## St Bert's News

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4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Family Worship

Tomorrow, our worship will be led by our Reception children, who will be talking about their mums. After worship the Reception children have invited their adults to stay for coffee and cake.

At St Bert's, as a Church of England School, we celebrate 'Mothering Sunday' and it's history in the Christian calendar where families were allowed to return to their 'mother' church.

It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible join us for our family worship. The children love to have you present.

### Mike Stout - Caretaker



At the end of this week, we say goodbye to our Premises Officer, Mike. Mike has decided to retire permanently and spend more time with his family. Matty Johnston will take over Mike's responsibilities from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening takes place this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you do not have an appointment booked.

Our School Nurse, young and adult carers and parenting courses/support will be available to speak to at this week's Parents Evening (Tuesday only) in the hall. Please note that Mrs Dix's class parents evening will be in the opposite end of Mrs Wroe's classroom.

### Parent Governors

Our two Parent Governors, Kelly Woodcock and Sally Tasker will be available on Tuesday evening (Parents Evening). Please share with them what you really like about our school or any ideas that you think could further enhance any aspect of school life.

### World Book Day

This Thursday is World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The children can come into school dressed as any book character. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up!

### Book Swap



Inspired by our Lent theme this term, of being a 'Planet Protector' and trying to reuse, recycle and reduce, we will be holding a 'book swap' in school on World Book Day. Simply send in a book your child has read and enjoyed, so it can be swapped in class. **Please**, do not buy anything new, the idea

is to recycle and recommend a book to a friend. (Please note you will not get your original book back, but get another in it's place).

### LENT Charity

This year we are supporting causes based around the theme of being a 'planet protector'.



### Reception - Litter Picking

Our Reception children, as part of their Lent promise, will be litter picking in the local environment.

### Year 1 and 2 - Bird Feeders

Our Year 1 and 2 children's Lent promise is to bring life and love to the community by making recycled bird feeders and inspiration stones.

### Year 3 and 4 Lent Appeal

As part of our LENT appeal, our Y3/4 classes will be hosting a clothes recycle shop in the school hall.

The children have been learning about 'Fast Fashion'. Many clothing companies produce lots of clothes and sell them cheaply. This can be bad for the environment as often these clothes end up in landfill. To avoid this, we will be collecting children's clothing, shoes, football boots etc. that are still

in **good condition** and offer parents the chance to purchase these clothes for a small donation to Barnardo's. Through this re-use/recycle initiative, we hope to avoid clothes unnecessarily ending up in landfill and also hope to raise some money for a good cause. We will hold the sale on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3:30pm-4pm in the School Hall.

If you have any suitable donations for this initiative, please send to one of our Y3/4 classes. Thank you.

### **Y5 Tree Planting**

As part of the Woodland Trust initiative to plant more trees in the area, our Year 5 children have been invited to plant trees this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. A email has been sent out to all Year 5 parents for permission.

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### **Residential**

#### **Menai**

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please note that an email was sent out last week to all year 5 parents whose children are going on this residential. There will be a short meeting for all parents and children on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm in the school hall. Please do your best to attend as important information will be given out.

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### **Outstanding balances**

A reminder that we still have outstanding balances on the recent residential trips.

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### **Swimming**

Mr O'Neill's class will be swimming each Friday afternoon. The last session will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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### **Wrap Around Care**

The Governors at St Bertelina's have been looking at the option

of running a 'Wrap around Childcare Programme' at school. This aim coincides with the governments ambition, that by 2026 all parents and carers of primary school aged-children who need it, will be able to access term time child care in their local area. This programme is designed to support the initial set up of wraparound provision where there is a clear demand. This would need to be self-sustaining and therefore, to establish if this is the case, there is a link below for parents to complete a short survey which should only take a few moments. This survey will help to identify supply and demand mapping data and the likely future demand for places. We encourage all of our parents to fill in the survey, the data collected will be shared with school.

**Link for Parental Wraparound Survey -**

<https://forms.office.com/e/3Fqwf1SYaE>

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### **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.

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### **Hand Hygiene**



We seem to have a variety of bugs in school at the moment and hand hygiene remains a key

preventative action for all children and adults in school. Could we please ask that you help us in encouraging children to wash their hands regularly at home.

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### **Clubs**

At St Bert's we run a variety of curriculum clubs after school. These can vary throughout the year, dependent on children's interests and on the number of weeks they are run for. If the club is run by an external provider a cost is incurred to parents. Sometimes, for some clubs we ask for a contribution towards buying particular resources needed. This term we have:

#### **Easter Craft Club**

Dates below:

13/03/2024

20/03/2024

27/03/2024

3.20pm - 4.20pm

#### **Year 5 and 6 Football Club**

Craig Jones Football Club

Dates below:

05/03/24

12/03/24

19/03/24

Time: 3.20pm - 4.15pm

#### **Choir Club**

Choir Club will continue on a Friday.

#### **Dance Club**

Dates below:

07/03/2024

14/03/2024

21/03/2024

Time: 3.20pm - 4.15pm

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### **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.

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#### **Parking!!!!**

Can the following parents with registration numbers:

YR66 PYA  
HN63 MLK  
FD72 BKG

Please refrain from parking on double yellow lines outside the school. Please be aware that the police will not hesitate to give tickets out to people who are parked illegally.

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#### **Seat belts**

It has become very noticeable recently (at drop and go in the mornings) that there is an increasing number of children in cars that are not wearing a seatbelt. Can we please ask parents to ensure their child/children stay seated with belts on until they stop for the gate ladies to open the door. Thank you.

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#### **Happy Birthday**



Happy Birthday goes to the following children

who celebrated their birthday this week:

Benjamin O'Sullivan (9)  
Gracie Griffin (9)  
Ethan Allen (10)  
Michael Pritchard (8)

We hope you have a wonderful day.

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#### **Quote of the Week**

'Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless.' Proverbs 31:8



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#### **Prayers**

Prayers this week are for Mike and his family. We hope you enjoy your retirement.

God Bless!