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11th March 2024

Family Worship

Tomorrow, our worship will be led by Mike Wildsmith.

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.

Matty Johnston

Please give Matty a big St Bert's warm welcome as he starts his new position today as Premises Officer. Welcome Matty!

Science Week

This week is British Science Week! Children will be completing activities and conducting experiments in their classroom as they celebrate the world of science. In Friday's Celebrate and Praise Assembly, we will be sharing the learning and knowledge that has taken place throughout the week!

Science Gadget Sale

On Monday in the hall after school (today), we will be running a Science Gadget Sale! Children can buy a range of science gadgets (50p - £3) to explore their understanding of science and conduct their own experiments and research at

home. Thank you to Friends of St Bert's for helping to run this.

Celebrate and Praise

As part of our Science Week, the theme for this week's Celebrate and Praise assembly is 'Super Scientists'. Assembly starts at 2.35pm. All welcome.

Hair, nail varnish and makeup

We are seeing an increasing number of girls in school wearing makeup and nail varnish. Can we please ask parents not to send their child into school wearing makeup or nail varnish as. Also, can we please remind parents to make sure their child's hair is tied back. Thank you for your support.

Parent's Evening

Mrs Burton will be contacting her parents this week with regards to rearranging Parents Evening for those parents that were cancelled last Tuesday.

Parent Governors

Thank you to our parent governors who attended Parents Evening last week and managed to chat to so many of you. They received lots of positive feedback on many issues and some constructive suggestions. At St Bert's we always value your feedback and listed below are some of your suggestions we have acted on:

- More fundraising events for children, eg Valentine's Bingo, school discos
- Extension of our Friends of St Bert's group
- Use of school certificates across school
- Class in focus on Facebook
- Variety of clubs

Friends of St Bert's Meeting

The Friends of St Bert's meeting takes place today at the Evenwood Pub at 6.30pm. If you are interested in supporting the Friends of St Bert's, please go along and have a chat.

Lateness

We are seeing quite a few children coming into school late. By coming into school late, not only upsets the child but also upsets the classroom. Please do your best to be in school on time. Thank you for your support.

Kooth

In April, Kooth are running webinars specifically to **help parents and carers with children sitting exams**. This support is available, especially if you are worried about your child's anxiety.

Please click on the links below.

[Mon 22 Apr. 1-2pm](#)

[Thu 25 Apr. 6-7pm](#)

Measles, mumps a rubella vaccinations



NHS

1 in 5
children with measles may need a hospital visit

If you or your child have missed measles, mumps and rubella vaccinations, book now at your GP surgery

Worried about pork gelatine in vaccines?
You can ask for the MMR vaccine that does not contain this ingredient (Priorix)

www.nhs.uk/mmr

Comic Relief



This Friday 15th March 2024 is Comic Relief Day

or Red Nose Day. We are asking the children to dress up in bright colours - the brighter and more neon the better - in exchange for a donation for Comic Relief. We have created an option on School Gateway pay should you wish to make your donation online. Thank you.

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 21st 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 8th March. A email has been sent out to all Year 5 parents for permission.

Y6 Challenge

Our Y6 have set themselves a target to limit their use of electricity! Let's see how they get on!

Residentials

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7th - 10th May 2024. Please note that an email was sent out 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 17th April at 3.30pm in the school hall. Please do your best to attend as important information will be given out.

Outstanding balances

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

Swimming

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

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>

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.

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.

Parents/Carer online - Henry Workshops!



This parenting course takes place on Tuesday 12th March 2024.

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:

12/03/24

19/03/24

Time: 3.20pm - 4.15pm

Choir Club

Choir Club will continue on a Friday.

Dance Club

Dates below:

14/03/2024

21/03/2024

Time: 3.20pm - 4.15pm

Cricket Taster Session

There will be two Cricket Taster Sessions taking place for Year 3 and 4 children:

Thursday 14th March 2024

Thursday 21st March 2024

3.20pm - 4.20pm

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.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday goes to the following children who celebrated their birthday this week:



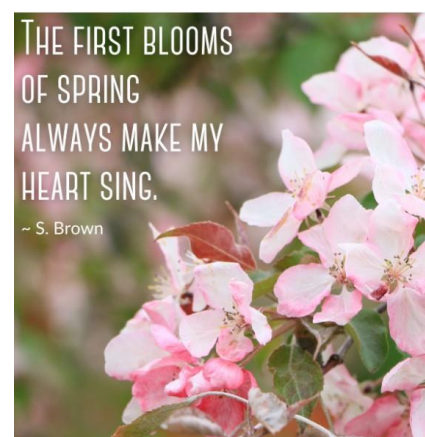
Archie Garner (7)

Tilly Lumby (9)

Albie Bullock (5)

We hope you have a wonderful day.

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Prayers this week are to give thanks for all our mums, carers or anyone in parenting roles. Thank you for all the things you do. God Bless!