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St Bert's News

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3rd September 2024

Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to you all, especially our new families

whose children are joining the school. We hope that the children soon settle down and begin to feel part of the St Bert's Family.

Reception families will have their teacher visit today/tomorrow and begin school on Thursday.

We also welcome three new staff members to our St Bert's family. Please give a big St Bert's smile to Natalie and Daria who are teaching assistants. We also welcome Claire who will be joining our MDA team.

MDAs

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you at your happiest when you are busy and purposeful? Are you free to work one and a half hours per day over lunchtime? If so, we would love you to join our team of mid-day assistants. To find out more please contact the school office.

Please note that the advert will be going live on the Halton Borough Council Website.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Poston on the birth of their beautiful daughter Raya who was born early yesterday morning. Both mum, dad and baby are doing well. We look forward to

meeting baby Raya and having lots of cuddles soon.

Celebrate and Praise

Our Celebrate and Praise will resume next Friday (13th September 2024), 2.35pm start.

Attendance Policy

At St Bert's high levels of attendance and punctuality are expected in order for children to reap the full benefits of what our school has to offer.

Our target is 96%



A letter was emailed at the end of last term from the Local Authority outlining the new guidance with regards to fining families who take holidays during term time.

Volunteers

We would very much like to encourage as many parents as possible 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!

Are you a budding Gardener?

Do you enjoy gardening and have some spare time on your hands? If so, we would love your help with the planters in our school grounds. Please call in the office if you would like to volunteer your time.

School Uniform

It was lovely seeing all the children looking so smart in their school uniforms today. Please make sure that all items are named. Can we please remind parents that children need black school shoes, not trainers, fancy boots or fancy shoes etc. Trainers are for outdoor PE only.

The Uniform Policy is available on the school website. Please note children can wear white or black shorts for PE.

Thank You



All the staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents who sent

in cards and gifts at the end of last term. We are always overwhelmed and would like to show our appreciation for your kind words and generous gifts.

Lining Up

As you will be aware this morning we lined the children up outside school before leading them to their respective classrooms. From now on we will be back to

our normal routine whereby the gates will open at 8.45, school doors open at 8.50am for the 'drop and go' system and all the children (apart from our new reception children) will enter the school building via the courtyard.

Reception children need to line up outside the metal shutters near the Early Year's play area.

Residentials

Please note the dates for our residentials. The price for Tattenhall and Delamere are on Schoolcomms ready to pay.

Tattenhall - Year 2

16th January 2025 - 17th January 2025
£84

Delamere - Year 3

Group 1 - 14th - 16th October 2024
Group 2 - 16th - 18th October 2024
£155

Burwardsley - Year 4

Group 1 - 3rd - 5th February 2025
Group 2 - 5th - 7th February 2025

Menai - Year 5

TBA

Year 6 Day Out

TBA

Delamere Residential

There will be a meeting on Monday 30th September 2024 for all Year 3 parents regarding the Delamere residential at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Y5 Safety Central

Our Year 5 children will be visiting Safety Central on

Wednesday 25th September.

More information to follow.

Child Minders

If you are or you know a child minder for children at St Bert's, please can you get in touch with the office.

St Bert's governors are looking at options for wrap around care and would love to hear your views. We want to arrange a meeting in school at a mutually convenient time. Thank you.

Universal Free School Meals

Can we please remind parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 in September, that your child is no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. School meals cost £2.90 and will need to be paid via the Schoolgateway app.

Ear Piercing

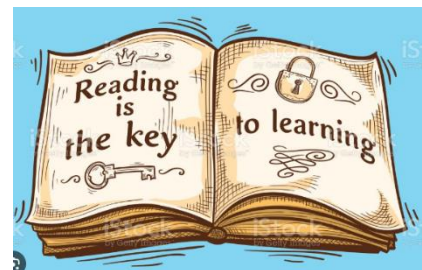
Can we please remind parents that the best time for children to have their ears pierced is in the summer holidays so allowing time for healing. Once the children are back at school they are only allowed to wear gold or silver stud earrings which they must be able to remove themselves for PE. Please note children are not allowed to do PE wearing plasters covering their earrings, therefore if your child has their ears pierced at any other time of the year (other than the summer holidays) they are missing part of their National Curriculum entitlement.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are very proud of all the children who completed this challenge. Halton Libraries would also like to thank the children and their families. Can we please ask families to contact Halton Libraries if they have

completed the Summer Reading Challenge. They can pop into any branch of the library, message on social media platforms or email the library at HLELIB@halton.gov.uk

Well done everyone and.....keep reading!



Mobile phones in school

Can we please remind parents that should your child be required to bring a mobile phone on the school premises, you need to fill in a Mobile Phone Permission Agreement. Please click the link below:



<https://forms.gle/SjbxB239PwBghJvW7>

Walking home alone

We are aware that some of our Year 5 & 6 children may go home without an adult. Obviously as parents you will have considered whether this is appropriate for your child and talked about any risks attached.

As a school, we feel we need to know whether you have given permission for your child to walk home alone. Please fill in the form on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HbZJgTikt9c7kVog7>

Happy Birthday



A happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Cora Johnson (6)
Morgan Roberts (5)
Imogen Cosgrove (7)
Lily Ackroyd (10)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Joe Wicks and Asda

Asda has today announced that it is making millions of pounds available to UK primary schools by encouraging families to use its loyalty programme - Asda Rewards.

In a game changing new campaign, fronted by Joe Wicks, the supermarket is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any shop done at Asda until 30th November 2024 to customers' primary school of choice - when they shop using Asda Rewards.

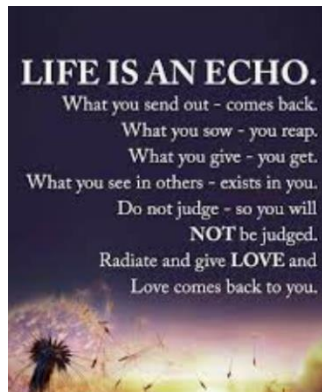
The supermarket is kicking off each school fund with £50 and offering to top up with an extra £1 for every customer that selects their school. The retailer is projecting to donate around £7.5m through the campaign. If you have an Asda Reward app, click on St Bertelina's as your school choice.

[Asda Rewards makes millions available to primary schools with industry first loyalty programme giveaway](#)

Choir

Choir will resume on Friday 20th September 2024.

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Our prayers this week are for our school family as we are once again reunited.

Also, our thoughts are especially for our Year 7 children who have begun their next stage in their education.

Special prayers for Mrs Tudor and her family on their recent loss. Also, for the Hudson family who have recently lost a loved one.

God Bless