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

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# St Bert's News

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#### 11th November 2024

#### Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mike Wildsmith.

All welcome!

#### Celebrate and Praise

This week's Celebrate and Praise will be the last one due to preparations for Christmas productions.

#### Anti-Bullying Week



This week is Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is

CHOOSE RESPECT.

On Thursday this week we have a theatre company coming into school to perform for Years 1-6.

#### Junior Safety Officers

The Junior Safety Officers have been telling the children about their November bulletin. The first message is NOT to be a copycat and follow unsafe behaviour on our roads that some grownups or bigger children might display. This could include not looking properly when crossing roads or forgetting to wear a seatbelt.

The second message is about Anti-Bullying. Our officers will be patrolling the playground this week and will be looking for acts of kindness and rewarding those children with a sticker. There is also a competition to enter with some great prizes to win!

#### Football Competition

16 children have been selected to represent St Bert's in a 6-a-side football competition (Premier League Primary Stars) at Helsby High School. Good Luck!

#### Neon Disco

Don't forget to order your Neon Disco ticket for this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024. 5-6.30pm for Reception and KS1 and 6.45pm - 8.15pm for KS2. The cost is £5 per child made payable to Schoolcomms. Children can bring up to £2 spending money and will need a reusable bottle for drinks (named please).

Thank you to the Friends of St Bert's for organising these events.



#### School Dinners - Orian

Thank you again to all parents who have logged onto School Hub to order and pay for school meals.

Please remember parents have to order and pay in advance. If you forget to order you have up until 9.30am the next day. Parents will receive an email reminder on the Sunday before the start of the week to order meals.

If you do not order or forget to order a school meal, the office is unable to book one for you.

Just another reminder that if you have ordered a school meal and your child is off sick, you need to cancel the order before 9.30am or you will be charged.

Can we please ask all parents who owe dinner money or any other outstanding monies re residentials, trips, events etc on School Comms to pay before the end of November. Thank you.

We are now starting to put the outstanding residentials on as well as any events that are going to take place where payment is required.

Parents who have credit on Schoolcomms dinners will receive the amount back into their bank account. We are not sure yet when this will happen, but we will inform you as soon as possible when it takes place.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

#### Children in Need

Children in Need will take place this Friday 15th November 2024. Children can come into school dressed in anything yellow/spotty in exchange for £1.

#### Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations take place this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Funding Project

Do you work for a company that offers funding for community/school projects? As a school, we would love to revamp our school library. This would include a new carpet, painting and investment in new book boxes/shelving to display reading resources. Obviously, such a project would be expensive. If you work for a company that could support the school with this exciting project, please contact the school office. Thank you.

#### Poppies for Sale



Thank you to everyone who bought red poppies, key rings, slap bands etc.

Today the children observed a 2 minute silence at 11.00am.

#### Delamere

We still have an outstanding balance of £675.00.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE STILL USING SCHOOLCOMS FOR OUSTANDING RESIDENTAL

PAYMENTS AND EVENTS.

#### Clubs

Please check the school website calendar for remaining dates for choir club, football club, Year 6 girls Christmas Production Club and Jam Coding.

#### Residentials

Please note the dates for our residentials.

Tattenhall - Year 2 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 £84

Burwardsley - Year 4

Group 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Group 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 £153

Menai - Year 5 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May £330

PARENTS CAN NOW START TO PAY FOR MENAI ON SCHOOL HUB.

Year 6 Day Out TBA

You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the residentials. By doing this, you will be spreading the cost.

#### St Berteline's Open Afternoon

Are you looking for a Primary place for September 2025? St Bert's is holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm - 3pm. Please complete the google form below:

https://forms.gle/Q9HKzdw8C voAwkYL8

The Open Afternoon is intended to give new parents the opportunity to take a look at what St Bert's has to offer.

#### 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%



An email was sent out to all parents last Friday with regard to our new Attendance Policy.

https://www.stbertelines.org.u k/serve file/30709892

#### Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Iris Connolly (9)
Oliver Gajos (5)
Nimthaka Kapugamage (7)
Poppy Griffin (7)
Isabella Shaffi (8)
James Dorr (8)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

# Christmas Activities Christmas Nativity/Production

As you are probably aware our Christmas Nativity and Production preparations have already started.
Children from 4 to 11 years of age will be performing in one way or another.
Of course, not everyone can be the star of the show, but we all play an important part -

Below are a few guidelines which we follow when organising the Christmas shows:-

teamwork is imperative!

- The older children usually have the main roles, and the younger children take the supporting roles - both in the 'KS2 Production' and the 'EYFS/KS1 Nativity'.
- All children take part and are encouraged to 'shine'.
   Developing confidence is a key objective.
- We don't have formal auditions but during the practice of songs we look for those who have a natural talent for acting and/or dancing. The whole experience is very positive, with lots of praise and encouragement for all involved. We have less 'main parts' and more group songs/dances.

Everybody enjoys being a part of our Christmas entertainment, including the staff, who get to know children throughout the school as a result of the team effort! It is hard work and the children get very tired but the result is well worth it. The expupils of St Bert's always remember the Christmas shows!

### Dates for Christmas Production and Nativity

EYFS/KS1 'The Big Little

Nativity' 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 1.30pm

KS2 'St Bert's Entertains' 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 1.30pm

Details of ticket information will follow.

#### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>
December 2024. This is a special day where all the children and teachers can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper and school trousers/skirts for a donation of £1. All money raised will go towards a charity of the children's choice.

#### Non-Uniform Day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 is a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing in donations for the school raffle. Items that are needed are: chocolates, candles, bottles of wine, toiletries or alternatively a £1 donation.

#### Halton Family Learning

St Bert's have booked the Family Learning tutors from Halton Borough Council to run an 'Online Wellbeing Workshop for families of Years 4, 5 & 6 at school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 1-30pm - 3.00pm. During this time, you are invited to join your child in school for a variety of activities designed to provoke discussion and learning around how to stay safe online.

A google form will be sent out to all Years 4, 5 & 6 parents today. Please can we ask parents to bring their National Insurance Number for registration purposes. Thank you.

#### Joe Wicks and Asda

Don't forget to add St Bert's school to your Asda Rewards card. We have already received money on the app.



Asda Rewards makes millions available to primary schools with industry first loyalty programme giveaway

#### St Bert's Church



#### Quote of the week



#### Prayers

Prayers this week are for all our school families who are worried. We hope that you feel God's love and support in these difficult times. God Bless!