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St Bert's News

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18th November 2024

Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mr O'Neill who will be telling the parable of the 'Lost Sheep'.

All welcome!

Celebrate and Praise Worship

Please note there will be no 'Celebrate and Praise Worship' for parents on a Friday afternoon until January. This is due to our Christmas production preparations.

Neon Disco

Thank you to everyone who came to the Neon Disco last Thursday. The children and staff had a fabulous time. The Friends of St Bert's raised just under £1,000 and the money will go towards a new sound system in the hall.

Anti-Bullying Theatre Production

The children were thoroughly entertained last week when Theatre On Line came into school to talk to the children about 'HOPE'. Thank you to the Friends of St Bert's who paid for this production.

Inclement Weather

The forecast this week is for some 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 emergency gates off the roundabout and children will enter through the door between Miss Roach's and Mrs Dix's classroom.

We will always do our best to keep the school open. We will make our decision based on:

- Early morning weather
- 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 3.20pm 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.

School Dinners - Orian

This week is week 3 of our new school menu. We hope parents find the website easy to use. We know from talking to the children that they are enjoying the food that is being prepared for them.

Just some pointers for parents

- Don't forget to cancel the meal before 9.30am if your child is ill or you will be charged.
- Parents who are ordering for more than one child, please remember to save for all children.

School Comms

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.

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

It was amazing to see so many children dressed in spotty/yellow outfits last Friday. A total of £200.00 was raised for Children in Need. Well done everyone!

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.

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We still have an outstanding balance of £622.00.

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

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

16th January 2025 - 17th January 2025
£84

There will be a Tattenhall meeting for all parents of Year 2 children in the school hall on Thursday 5th December 2024 at 3.30pm. Please do your best to attend.

Burwardsley - Year 4

Group 1 - 3rd - 5th February 2025
Group 2 - 5th - 7th February 2025
£153

There will be a meeting for all Year 4 parents with regards to this residential on Monday 27th January 2025 at 3.30pm in the school. Please do your best to attend.

Menai - Year 5

6th - 9th 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 Bertelina's Open Afternoon

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

<https://forms.gle/Q9HKzdw8CvoAwkYL8>

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%



https://www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve_file/30709892

Happy Birthday

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

Eva Oseni (6)
Jenson Healey (5)
Dash Howens (5)
Arthur Lawton-Hill (10)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Halton Family Learning

You should have received a google form if you wish to join your child with the 'Online Wellbeing Workshop on Wednesday 27th November 2024 1-30pm - 3.00pm. purposes. Thank you.

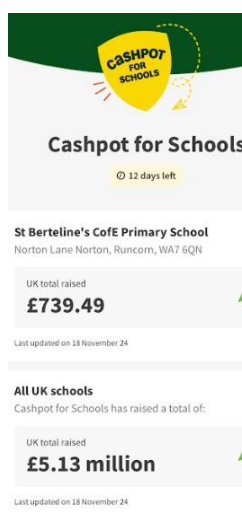
Family Hub

Please click on the link below to access help with regards to health, mental health, parenting etc.

<https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/>

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](#)

Parking!!!!

Can we please ask parents to be more considerate when parking at the end of the school day. Please do not park at the large roundabout at the top of Norton Lane. The Police will not hesitate to give tickets to people who are not adhering to the Highway Code.

Dogs!!



Can we please ask parents who stand on the pavements outside the school gates in the morning to be respectful of children and adults who are scared of dogs. Also please be mindful of moving vehicles on the road. Thank you for understanding.

St Bert's Church



Christmas Market



Why not pop along as one of our parents will be holding a cake stall with freshly made cakes plus plenty of local businesses! A fun-filled day for all the family!

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 - teamwork is imperative!

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

- 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 ex-pupils of St Bert's always remember the Christmas shows!

Dates for Christmas Production and Nativity

EYFS/KS1 'The Big Little
Nativity'

12th December 2024

13th December 2024

1.30pm

KS2 'St Bert's Entertains'

16th December 2024

17th December 2024

18th December 2024

1.30pm

Details of ticket information will
follow.

Non-Uniform Day

Monday 2nd 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.

Christingle

Our
Christingle
Service takes
place on



Tuesday 10th December 2024 at
9.15am. All welcome.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day takes
place on Wednesday 11th
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.

Christmas Dinner Day

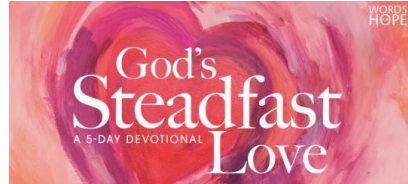
Christmas dinner takes place on
4th December 2024. Parents can
order and pay for this special
dinner that Zena cooks on
School Hub.

Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day takes place
on 19th December.

Further details to follow.

Quote of the week



"God's love is steadfast,
enduring and unchanging - it
provides comfort and hope.
Palm 136

Prayers

Prayers this week are for some
of our parents who are
experiencing some difficult
times at the moment, we hope
you feel God's love around you.

God Bless!