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St Bert's News

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9th December 2024

Family Worship



This week's Family Worship will be our annual Christingle service. The service will

follow its normal pattern, the first part in the hall followed by a second part in the children's classroom.

The children have today made their Christingles ready for tomorrow. The smell throughout the school was fabulous. A big thank you to our parent helpers who came into school this morning to lend a hand.

Please feel free to take part in our worship on Tuesday morning and join. We look forward to seeing you!

Height/Weight and Vision/Hearing

Today and tomorrow our school nurses will be in school for Reception and Year 6 children who will have their height and weight measured. Also, our reception children will have their vision and hearing screened.

School Council visit to Norton Lodge

The residents at Norton Lodge care home really enjoyed hearing the School Council sing and joining in with some Christmas crafts.

Apparently, they really brightened up the residents Christmas and all staff said the children were a credit to the school. Well done School Council.

Christmas at Norton Priory

Our Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting Norton Priory this week to experience a traditional Victorian Christmas around the tree.

Parking!!

Can the owner of an A class Mercedes (black) reg no. WR65 BJB please refrain from parking in front of residents drives on Nortonwood Lane.

Choir Concert

Choir concert at Cairo St Unitarian Chapel WA1 1EE - Thursday 19th December 7.30pm - 9.15pm

This is shaping up to be a wonderful evening with the choir performing a range of Christmas music, along with Mrs O'Neil's other choir "Vocal Infinity" singing alongside the children. The evening is raising much needed funds for the Nazareth Orphanage in Uganda and will be a special night. Could any outstanding ticket money please be paid by bank transfer this week or cash given on Friday at the latest.

Thank you for the support you are giving this event and the time and effort the children are putting into learning all the words, harmonies and actions! It will be FAB-U-LOUS!

Flu Catch Ups

There may be some children who will not have had their flu vaccination at school, through absence or lack of recorded consent. Our School Nurses will be in school tomorrow to catch up those children.

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

'The Little Big Nativity and St Bert's Entertains'

The children have been practising hard for both productions and are looking forward to entertaining you this week.

There will be an opportunity to buy some raffle tickets or make a donation to St Bert's school fund on the day.

Parking for visitors coming to watch both productions will be on the games yard at the far end of the school. The fire gates will be open from 1.05pm. Both productions will start at 1.30pm. After parking your vehicle, please proceed to the small courtyard entrance by the office where you will hand in your ticket. Please do not turn up if you do not have a ticket.

Parents who are watching are free to take their children early. If you wish to pick up your child following the productions, please wait in the school hall and your child will be brought to you.

PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR CHILD TO THEIR CLASSROOM. Siblings are also free to go home after the productions are finished. Please make sure that your child's class teacher knows. Children will not be allowed out unless the teacher has prior notice.

Photos/Videos

We appreciate that parents and grandparents love to take photos and videos of the children. Unfortunately, due to licensing laws and safeguarding, can we please ask that no photos or videoing takes place at the Christmas productions. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Costumes

Costumes should be sorted for both productions by now. If you have any issues, please contact your child's teacher.

Tickets

You should by now have received your tickets for productions.

PLEASE DO NOT BE DISAPPOINTED IF YOU ARRIVE LATE AS WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ANY LATE COMERS DUE TO THE CHILDREN BEING ON STAGE. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day takes place on 19th December 2024. Orian will be providing a Christmas Party packed lunch for £3.15. Alternatively, if your child wishes to bring in their own packed lunch, then they can do so. On this special occasion, goodies such as crisps and chocolate will be permitted. **PLEASE NO FIZZY DRINKS ALLOWED.** Thank you.

Children can wear party outfits on the day but please remember a coat and sensible shoes as the children will be playing outside.

You can start to book on School Hub from tomorrow.

Kenya Fundraiser: Maisy and Ellie

Two of our former pupils Maisy and Ellie are doing some fundraising to raise money for the trip of a lifetime with Camp International in 2026. The trip will last 4 weeks and, in this time, they will help build schools, houses, fresh water wells, work to protect local wildlife and teach the children of Kenya to speak some English. The girls are so grateful to have such an amazing opportunity to help a country dealing with poverty. In order to fund their trip, they have been getting creative! And are selling;

- handmade beaded bracelets £3
- handmade phone charms £5
- Christmas mallow or chocolate wreaths £3 or £5
- Malteser/Terry's chocolate orange characters £10
- mystery boxes £5

There is going to be a stall in the school playground on **Thursday 12th December at pick-up time** for anyone who would like to purchase these great Christmas gifts.

Maisy and Ellie will also be attending the **Sandymoor High Christmas Fair this Saturday 7th December 12-6pm** and also **The Runcorn Town Hall Christmas Fair this Saturday 7th December 10-3pm.**

Order forms (with images of the items) are also available in the office for those who would like to purchase something but can't make it.

They thank everyone for the support in advance.

Stitch Design/Uniform



STITCH Design **STARTS THIS FRIDAY!**
BLACK FRIDAY 2024
15% OFF EVERYTHING!
ONLINE EXCLUSIVE 4 DAYS ONLY!
29th November - 2nd December 2024!
POLOS AND SWEATS
KNITWEAR BAGS OUTERWEAR
PE KIT ...AND MUCH MORE!
ENTER CODE **SDBF24** AT CHECKOUT
SHOP NOW!
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* Offer available from Friday 29th November - Monday 2nd December 2024.

Clubs

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

Jam Coding Club

Wednesday 4th December 2024 was the last session before the Christmas holidays! This Wednesday was meant to be the last session but this had to be cancelled due to KS1 children away on a trip. The last session will be rearranged for the first Wednesday back after the holidays which will be Wednesday 8th January 2025.

School Dinners - Oriam

Advent is a very busy time of year and we appreciate that everyone has a lot on their minds, BUT please can you make sure lunches are ordered on Sunday for the week.

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

Thank you to those parents who have paid their outstanding dinner money on School comms. We still have some outstanding monies to be paid. Can we please ask parents to make payment by the end of this week. If you have any questions, please call the office. Thank you.

Delamere

We still have an outstanding balance of £622.00.
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE STILL USING SCHOOLCOMS FOR OUSTANDING RESIDENTAL PAYMENTS AND EVENTS.

Residentials

Please note the dates for our residentials.

Tattenhall - Year 2

16th January 2025 - 17th January 2025
£84

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.

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:

Mila Godinho (6)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Family Hub

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

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

The Heath Methodist Church



Christmas Light Display



Come join us every night from 5pm until 8pm for our Christmas Light Display. We will be running it from 1st December until 31st December. We are raising money for Claire House Children's Hospice. We have a huge raffle with over 50 prizes and every child will receive a little gift for making a donation

We hope to see you at 63 Kingshead Close, Castlefields, WA7 2JG



Christmas Markets

Why not pop along as one of our parents will be holding a cake stall with freshly made cakes.



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.

Coffee and Carols

There will be a coffee and carols morning on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 9.15am - 10.15am If you have been in school helping or organising events, this is a 'THANK YOU' to you.

Quote of the Week



We will be lighting the second candle of our Advent wreath.

As this is our last newsletter, we remember our Advent Prayer

Dear God, as we light each blessing of Jesus come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. Give us HOPE for the future, PEACE in the world, LOVE and kindness for those around us and JOY as we wait to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Amen

Prayers

Special prayers this week are for us all as we all continue to fight off germs. Let's hope we all feel better soon! Also, for Mr Ellis and Izzie who are expecting their first baby this week.

God Bless!

