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Together Everybody Achieves More

Monday 17th March

Dear Parents,

Spring looks like it is finally here. The brighter mornings and the warmer weather certainly have a positive effect on the school. It is lovely to see the children enjoying the sunshine and playing outside without their winter coats. Last week year 5 lead our Ash Wednesday Service and asked us to dig deep for change. As a result during Lent we are asking the children to donate any small change to CAFOD and we are also challenging them to make small changes within themselves which will help them grow and mature. Our first assembly asked the children to think about when they say sorry and how they can show they *really* mean it. Our assemblies up until Easter follow one theme each week. These Themes are also being used by St. Bridget's Church so there should be some good continuity.

They are as follows:

Week 1 – Ash Wednesday Service lead by Year 5 - Dig Deep for Change

Week 2 - Saying Sorry

Week 3 – Being more Thoughtful

Week 4 – Being more giving and sharing

Week 5 – Being more loving and friendly

Week 6 – Be more grateful and thankful

Week 7 - Easter Service – Lead by Year 6

Mrs Cookson

Congratulations to Mrs Cookson who has been successful in gaining a new job. The position starts after the Easter holiday at Rosebank Special School in Cheshire, working for children with social and communication needs. We wish her every success and thank her for her hard work at St Bridget's.

Sports Update

Football

Last Friday the Year 6 boy's football team played a friendly match against Black Horse Hill Junior School. The match was played with some great enthusiasm, skill and determination. I am pleased to say that the St. Bridget's team won 2-1. Over the next few weeks the team will play Greasby Junior School, Christ Church CE Primary and another friendly against Black Horse Hill Junior School. A big thanks to all the supporters and Mr Neal for organising the team.

Cross Country

Just before half term the cross country team ran in the Deeside Cross Country competition. This year there were approximately 16 schools participating. The St. Bridget's squad was made up of boys and girls from year 4, 5 and 6. In each race there were a number of exceptional performances with several of our children finishing in the top 10. When the final scores were announced the St. Bridget's Team were successful in winning the overall trophy for the fourth time in five years.

Chess

Congratulations to both the U11 and the U9 squads who have made it through to the National Semi-finals in Prestatyn in June. My thanks to Mr Hanson and all the parents who support our chess players.

Good news

Just before half term Miss Smith's class raised £86 for UNICEF.

Mrs Connah has returned from Uganda and is visiting school in few weeks to share her news about her adventures in assembly. School raised £300 as well as helping to provide a number other items which proved to be really useful.

Scooters

We have some children who have reported that their scooters have gone missing. Please make sure that your child's scooter is easily identified with their name as we have many that look the same.

Bike it breakfast

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the Bike-It breakfast. We had an excellent turnout and thanks to those parents that had to wait a little bit longer for toast and tea.

Parent Partnership

At the end of last term I invited parents to come into school and discuss school development ideas. Although only a few parents were available for the meeting it provided some good feedback and some thought provoking discussion. The meeting was very useful and we discussed behaviour, fundraising and communication. One outcome of the meeting is that we have now linked our Twitter feed with a Facebook page. Both pages should contain the same information so it just depends on your preference as to which social media site you use. We are now using these websites to share more of the exciting activities and events that happen in school.

Polite reminders/Notices

Dogs

I ask that dogs (except guide dogs) are not brought onto the school grounds (even if carried) and when they are tied up by the school gate they are attended. With 420 children and numerous adults walking past they can get excitable and on occasions this can cause concern.

Nail Varnish

I ask that children do not wear nail varnish when in school.

School Office Notices

The school phone goes to night service at 4.15pm.



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

In the near future I expect to have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. If you would be interested in supporting the work of our school at lunchtimes please leave your name at the **school office** or speak to me if you would like more information.

Irby Cricket club, Mill Hill road, Irby

Boys and girls are welcome (age 5 upwards) to come along to our Registration and Open evening, at the cricket club, on Friday 21st March, from 6.30pm onwards (drop in session). We have weekly training and matches in all junior/senior age groups. Coaches are available to speak to, and more information available on the night. Further details : Sue Hughes email: suehughes11@sky.com Irby CC junior secretary.

Term Dates for the Rest of the Academic Year

Spring Term 2014	
Open	Friday 3rd January - Friday 14th February
Half-term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Open	Monday 24th February - Tuesday 15th April
Spring break	Wednesday 16 April - Friday 25th April (in lieu of early close for summer holidays)
Summer Term 2014	
Open	Monday 28th April - Friday 23rd May
Half-term	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
Open	Monday 2nd June – Wednesday 16th July
Summer Holiday	Starts on Thursday 17th July (early close due to Golf Tournament)
NB May Bank Holiday - Monday 5 th May 2014 Elections ,School Closed For Inset - Thursday 22 nd May 2014	

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