

## St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This week has been a wonderful way to start our holidays. We have enjoyed Christmas plays and nativities from the different year groups. They have been full of singing, wonderful reading and acting, reminding us about the true values of Christmas. The message of Jesus' birth is more relevant now than ever before. This week we received the good news that our school has been awarded the Rights Respecting Level 2 Award. This is an important part of work in school to ensure that children are equipped with the understanding and values required to live successful lives in the future. My thanks to all of the members of the Steering Committee, which includes parents, children, governors and staff from across the school. They have helped to drive and embed our work into the curriculum and culture of the school.

## Thank you Mr. Brown

In our final assembly we said our fond farewells to Mr. Brown who is leaving to take up the headship at Brookdale Primary School, Greasby. Mr. Brown has been at St. Bridget's for four years and has helped our school improve in many ways. His role has included teaching the year two children and leading the special education needs provision throughout the school as well as many, many other jobs. He will be missed and Brookdale Primary are gaining a truly inspirational leader.

## **Christmas Assembly**

As is becoming tradition we also made a Christmas video for the children from all of the staff. It is just a bit of fun but I think they liked it and we have posted it on our website for later. In our assembly we were able to thank some members of the Parents Association for their fundraising this year which amounts to approximately £4500. None of this is done alone and we thank everyone who has contributed, given time or bought something which has supported our events. They have been real success.

## A Reading Challenge for you

An important part of our curriculum is the development of reading. The expected levels and standards of reading for the National Curriculum and the selection tests have increased over the last year. As a parent I know that many of you read regularly with your children. Apart from encouraging your child to read regularly I would ask that you chat to your child about their reading to encourage their enjoyment of books and whenever possible also read aloud to your child. Research suggests that children who are read to, even in the later primary school years, appreciate and enjoy literature more fully which ultimately supports higher levels of comprehension. We will be inviting you to some curriculum evenings in the spring to share ideas to support your child further.

In the meantime I wish you all a Merry Christmas,

Neil Le Fenne













