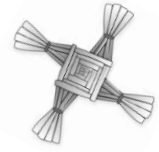




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Together Everybody Achieves More

Tuesday 5th May 2015

Dear Parents,

The summer term is well under way and life in school is as busy as ever. New topics have started, a few classes have already been on school trips and year three have completed their swimming lessons at Calday Pool. We have had Mr Tormey speak to the children about safety during the summer with regard to water and fires, a visiting theatre company and we have new chicks in reception which has been very exciting for all the school including the staff. As always I would like to thank all the parents who have supported our trips and have given freely of their time. It makes a big difference and helps to enrich school life.

Assembly Themes

This half term our assembly theme is about perseverance. The children will reflect upon how they can demonstrate perseverance and what it means in their daily lives. They will be encouraged to think about strategies that help them and think about what to do when things are difficult. As part of this term we will be talking to the children about the disaster in Nepal and how we can help send our support to those who are suffering.

External safeguarding Audit

You will be pleased to hear that after a recent safeguarding audit the school met all the essential criteria and exceeded the standards in many areas. We take all aspects of safeguarding very seriously. The auditor was really impressed with the children's behaviour at lunchtime and spoke to lots of children about how they feel about school.

Book fair

A huge thanks for all those children who took part in the Readathon. In total St Bridget's have raised a fantastic £496.05 which will go to the following charities: Read Well, CLIC Sargent (for Children with cancer), Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and Together for Short Lives. Thank you to all of the staff who supported the book fair and for those families that visited us. We raised over £800 which means we receive 60% commission! Class teachers will use the money to update their class libraries.

Election Day Safety

This Thursday is Election Day and school will be open as the voting will take place in the Church Centre. This is the first time this has happened. I expect there may be some more traffic around the local area and I would ask that you take extra care coming to and from school. In particular, St. Bridget's Lane may be used more than usual by the public and this may present some added challenges during drop and pick up times.

Reports feedback

Thank you for the feedback we have received from the reports. There have been a lot of positive comments and one or two things we still need to make sure we improve.

Preparation for the warm weather!

As the warmer weather comes please can you ensure that your child has **sun tan cream** on before they come to school. Alternatively, they can bring sun tan lotion in a labelled bag which they must be able to apply themselves.

Please also ensure that they bring water to drink during the day. Children can also get water in school but it always helps to have your own water bottle.

Sports Day Dates

Year 1/2 - 2nd June (Backup date 9th June)

Reception – 3rd June (backup date 16th June)

Year 3/4 - 17th June (Backup date 1st July)

Year 5/6 - 19th June (Backup date 3rd July)

Local Events and information

Three ships coming to Liverpool

...A warm Wirral welcome awaits Cunard's Queens

Tens of thousands of visitors are expected to converge on New Brighton and along the Wirral side of the river next month to watch as Cunard's three flagship cruise liners sail down the Mersey in formation. The Three Queens - Queen Elizabeth, Queen Victoria and Queen Mary 2 – will be on Merseyside together on bank holiday Monday, May 25th, as part of celebrations for Cunard's 175th anniversary in the company's spiritual home, Liverpool.

The prospect of seeing all three majestic liners on the Mersey at the same time, for the first time, is likely to see the large volume of tourists that would already be in New Brighton on a holiday weekend swell to even greater numbers. This is why Wirral Council, working alongside partners in other local authorities, public transport and emergency services, have been putting together comprehensive plans to manage the event across the region. It will be a particularly busy time for public transport which is why people, wherever they are travelling from, are being urged to make an informed choice about how to get to the event and home again by examining all the travel options at www.merseytravel.gov.uk.

For full details of Wirral's plans for Monday 25th May, go to www.visitwirral.com/threequeens . For details of the whole Three Queens event and Cunard's 175 anniversary celebrations, visit www.onemagnificentcity.com.

Irby Cricket Club, Mill Hill Lane - Junior Cricket Training Dates

The junior training night is Friday, starting **Friday 17 April, from 6 - 7.30 pm**. Just turn up, and have a go! There is a thriving junior section, with the emphasis on fun. For more information, please contact: Sue Hughes, Junior Secretary, 07962 275943 or email: suehughes11@sky.com

Wirral Sailing Centre Information

The sailing school are starting an after school kayak club. This is for children aged 8 years and above. Beginners welcome and the sessions will be a mix of skills and fun/games. Tuesdays 4.00 – 6.00pm, starting in May.

The very popular session, "Splash!" after school activity starts in June until the end of September, Thursdays 4.00 - 5.30. This session is for 6 - 8 year olds. And for mums, "Ladies who Launch!" - Wednesdays 10.00 am - 12.30 (sailing or windsurfing), beginners welcome; a sociable sail, coffee and a natter! Beginning in May.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Le Feuvre