

# St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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Together Everyone Achieves More

Dear Parents.

Last week librarians from West Kirby Library came in to our school assembly to award certificates to all of the children who participated in the summer reading scheme. They had hundreds of certificates and medals to award and far too many for us to hand out in assembly! One of the most important things that we as educators and parents can do for our children is to develop a love of reading and the results from the summer read seem to show we are succeeding.

As the term has progressed we have been able to incorporate more parents and members of the local parish as helpers into school. This is a valued resource for teachers and we are looking to develop this further. Currently we have helpers for the library and reading. This week both of the reception teachers are training some parents to develop aspects of maths. Once this has started we will develop this across the whole school.

Working in partnership with parents is a vital ingredient to making sure we get things right for your child in school. This happens both formally and informally. Formal occasions are parent's evenings, questionnaires and curriculum evenings. Informal occasions can be chats on the playground or on the phone which can help to resolve some concerns quickly. A recent example of this was a request to have the newsletter sent as an attachment rather than a link as these were not opening correctly. In addition to this it is very useful to meet parents in small groups to discuss specific areas of school development as well as have a general conversation. Parents are chosen randomly from the register and invited by letter to attend a meeting which is normally 30 minutes before school ends. Our next meetings are planned for after half term.

## **Cross Country Success**

The cross country season has started again. The St. Bridget's team took part in the recent race at Birkenhead Park and performed brilliantly. The girl's team came second and the boy's team came first! There were a number of notable performances at Birkenhead Park as follow

Boys Team Year 6	Girls Team Year 6
Sam Loach 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ingrid Burns 11 <sup>th</sup>
Owen Sterry 12th	
Boys Team Year 4/5	Year 4/5
Charlie Hayes Green 5th	Grace McFarlane 4 <sup>th</sup>
Harvey Robinson 7th	Anna Ledingham 8 <sup>th</sup>
Finlay Austin 12th	Heather Marshall 13 <sup>th</sup>

## **Chess Success**

Children from St Bridget's chess club entered the Cheshire and North Wales Chess competition and some of them achieved great success.

#### Under 10

Tom Winston (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Heather Marshall and Maddie Kinson (Joint 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### **Under 9**

Advait Bavikatte Champion (1<sup>st</sup>) George Creasy and Vadim Bosc (Joint 2<sup>nd</sup>) Alex Waring (5<sup>th</sup>)

## **Stranger Danger Advice**

Recently the ITV Breakfast show Daybreak aired an investigation about Stranger Danger. If you missed it you can see it by cutting and pasting the below link into your browser:

http://www.itv.com/daybreak/family/stranger-danger-day-one/

The results of the experiment made news around the world. 7 out of 9 children left a park with a stranger, played by an actor. In the aftermath the general consensus was that the Stranger Danger message is not being fully understood by children, and more needs to be done to make them aware. ITV and Daybreak want to change this and are asking primary schools to help them.

At St. Bridget's we regularly remind children about Stranger Danger as well as a number of other important safety messages. Next week we have the community Police Officer visiting school to give advice about the safety around Fireworks and Halloween. I would also ask you to remind your children about travelling to and from school safely especially as the mornings and evenings become darker during the next half term.

#### Uniform

It is fantastic to see all the children looking so smart and wearing their uniform with pride. I would like to remind parents that we do not allow children to wear nail varnish in school and that girls with long hair need to tie it back for PE.

#### Well done Luca

Well done to Luca Doherty who asked his friends to donate money to UNICEF instead of giving him presents for his birthday party. He raised £141.

## **Scooters and Bikes**

I am always delighted to see lots of children travelling to school on scooters and bikes. Unfortunately we often have a number of scooters and bikes left over the weekend or during the holidays. When this happens we cannot always guarantee they will be safe. Please remind your child to collect their scooters and bikes at the end of each day.

## **Parent Governor**

Congratulations to Dr Bates who was successful in his nomination for parent governor. We still have one more vacancy for a parent governor and if this is something you would be interested please come and ask me for information.

Thank you your continued support,

Neil Le Feuvre