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Dear Parents,

The school year started with great excitement as we welcomed the new reception children into school for the first time. They all looked very smart in their new school uniform and while many were brave and confident there were a few who understandably were nervous. Over the last week I have seen all of them grow in confidence and settle into the pattern of school life. We have also welcomed in a number of new children in other year groups and I am pleased to say that as always it is lovely to see children at St Bridget's being so friendly and welcoming to our new pupils.

During the first week I have heard children share stories about their summer. Many of them have been very lucky and have had wonderful experiences which they will never forget. Sadly, some of our families have experienced bereavement or received very upsetting news. The circumstances for each family are different and my staff work hard to ensure that life in school for these children is as normal as it can be. Naturally, our thoughts and prayers are with those families.

Our first assembly of the year was an opportunity for us to think about why we are a Rights Respecting School. Mrs McCarthy shared with the children our wonderful video which was completed in the summer and shows some of the work the children learnt about in the last academic year. She also raised our awareness of the work of Martin Luther King and has set a project for all the classes to find out some more information about him for our next assembly. Mrs McCarthy also shared the experiences of her family growing up in America at the time of the Civil Rights Movement. The PowerPoint slides from the assembly and the Rights for Respecting video will be available shortly on the website.

The Penguin Duathlon!

Today Mr Owen, father of Isabella and Grace came to speak to all the children in assembly about raising money for Cancer Research. He is attempting to complete a 220 mile bike ride as well as complete the Great North Run. Just to add a little challenge to this task he will be running the Great North Run dressed in a Penguin outfit with a number of other fundraisers, so look out for him on the television. We are going to support his fundraising efforts on Monday 16th September. Children are allowed to wear accessories that are black and white. These can range from simple hairbands and ribbons to some more creative designs. We would ask that the children bring in £1 for the charity.

The New Gazebo

Over the summer we were fortunate to have a new Gazebo installed in the Key Stage 2 playground. My thanks to the Parents Association for funding this and particular thanks to Mrs Jones who helped ensure the project was a success. We now have a fantastic addition to our playground which in time we will develop into a useful outside



area for learning. I would ask parents to ensure that their children do not use the Gazebo as a climbing frame at the end of the day.

Inset Day Change – Thursday 22nd May

I was officially informed last week that the polling day in May has changed. It is now Thursday 22nd May. We will use this day as an Inset Day and not Thursday 1st May as previously shared.

Arrangements for going home

At the start of the year arrangements for going home have not become routine for children and parents. Please ensure that you take time to let school know if there is a change in routine for your child. Also if you are picking your child up at lunch time for an appointment please collect your child at the start or end of lunch time.

Contact Information Sheets

Please check the information on the contact sheets carefully and return them as soon as possible. It is essential that we have the most up-to-date contact numbers and medical information in case of emergency.

Wirral Earth Fest 2013

This weekend activities to celebrate the Wirral Earth Fest are being held on the school field and the parish centre. Fliers have been sent out advertising all the exciting events and with good weather it will be a great weekend. Tickets for the Folk Night are available from the Parish Office. Unfortunately the flier has the school number published but please use 0151 625 2739 (Parish Office) to find out more information about tickets.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Neil Le Feuvre