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Dear Parents,

During this term we have been celebrating the start of the World Cup and exploring the theme of truth. The World Cup has provided many opportunities to find out information about countries and talk about the excitement of a world sports event as well as some of the disappointments! The children have thought about fairness both on and off the pitch. We have considered how easy it is for us to replace lost footballs compared to children in other parts of the world who sometimes have to make their own footballs using recycled waste or even use oranges. For our assemblies on truth we have focussed on making good choices and the concept of being true to oneself.

#### **The Chess Teams - National Online Chess Champions**

For the last three years Mr Hanson, one of our parents, has worked tirelessly to support the development of the chess at St. Bridget's. With his leadership and the support of a number of enthusiastic parents he runs the chess club and chess team. To think that only three years ago we had very little chess in school. Today I am writing to announce that St. Bridget's School are the **National Online Chess Champions**. All three teams made it to the later stages of the Chess Competition competing against over 10 000 children, involving over 500 schools across England.

Our winning team now travel to London in two weeks' time to play against teams from across the World. During their visit they will play against the current British National Chess Champion and see a chess match with live actors as the pieces! They have done well and exceeded all of their expectations. They thoroughly deserve their exciting trip and we wish them the best of luck for their international chess matches.

#### **Sports Week/Healthy Week**

This week has marked the start of National Sports week and Takeover Day. For National Sports Week Miss Bowler has set up a number of challenges for the children at lunchtime as well as different sporting competitions throughout the week. To help us we have had support from children who attend Woodchurch CofE High School who have helped organise some of our sporting afternoons and sports days. In addition to learning about the benefits of regular exercise, the children have been learning about healthy eating with some of the year groups cooking up some tasty nutritious treats.

#### **Takeover Day**

Takeover Day which we have extended for a few extra days is part of our Rights Respecting curriculum for the children. The day gives children the chance to work with adults for the day and be involved in decision-making. Children have been carrying out jobs around the school so that they are able to gain an insight in the roles and responsibilities of adults in the school. The children have helped the school office staff, the caretaker, they have led assembly and helped to carry out surveys around school. Not surprisingly, many of them have risen to the challenge and excelled in their temporary roles. There are some pictures on our Twitter feed on the website.



## **Sporting News**

### **Quad kids**

Well done to the children in Year 5 and 6 who attended the Quad Kids competition. They competed against the rest of the schools in Wirral and have now qualified to compete in the Merseyside championships. We look forward to hearing how they do in the next round of competition.

### **Hockey**

As part of the Wirral Games children from Year 5 and 6 played hockey in two matches against St. Peter's. The St. Bridget's team won their first match five nil and lost their second match three nil. This was then followed by a teacher/parent match against the children which I am told the adults won!

### **Football**

Two Year 4 teams entered a competition at Woodchurch High School last week. They played with great spirit and skill, with one team reaching the Semi-Final and the other reaching the Final. During the final, despite lots of chances, they lost in a penalty shoot-out. Mr Neal was full of praise for the teams.

The Year 5 football team progressed through to the Quarter Final of the Corgi Cup winning 5-0 against Dawpool CofE Primary. It was an impressive performance with some lovely football played during the game.

### **Cricket**

Today some year 3 and year 4 children have attended a cricket tournament at Oxton Cricket Club as part of the National School Sports Week.

### **Swimming**

The swimming team have been in action twice in the last week. During their first competition they came second which helped them qualify for the finals. After some great performances in the finals they came 6th overall. My thanks to all the teachers who gave up so much of their free time to support the children and to the parents who supported their children. Once again the attitude of the swimmers was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

### **Rounders**

Earlier this week children from Year 4 took part in a rounder's tournament at Woodchurch High School. They had a great day and were successful in winning the Plate Competition coming 6th overall.

### **Sad News – Mr Bike-It**

Simon Wallace also known as Mr Bike-It has been a wonderful inspiration for many of our children and teachers in promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging children to ride their bikes. Recently I was informed that he has died. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. The teachers have spoken to the children and have said prayers in class. In response to this sad news some of the year 6 children have asked to raise money to donate to charity in remembrance of Mr Bike-It. We will organise this in the next few weeks.

### **Music Update**

Today we held our music workshop. This is an opportunity for parents and children to chat with peripatetic music teachers and decide which instrument they would like to start playing in September. Please ensure that you have informed Mrs McCarthy about starting tuition for September by July 4<sup>th</sup> so that timetables can be drawn up. Please do not wait until September.

### **Whole School Photograph**

Every two years we have a whole school photograph. This is always an exciting event and today was no different. Organising 422 children and over 40 staff to look and smile at the same time is always a challenge!

### **The School Ball**

My thanks to all of the Parent Association Members who have organised the School Ball at Calday Golf Club this weekend. Let's hope for fine weather for a wonderful evening.



### Twitter News/Facebook link

This newsletter is only a small snapshot of some of the activities and exciting events that take place in school. As a result we do try and capture school life in pictures and post these on our Twitter/Facebook accounts. It is always worth a look. Some of our recent uploaded pictures have included sports days, ditch the stabilisers day and the children who have visited from Chernobyl.



Follow us on twitter: @StBridgetsCofE

### Polite reminders/Notices

#### Water only in Water Bottles

Please just send water in your child's water bottle. Recently some children have had juice in their water bottle and this can cause problems in school. Unless there is a medical reason I would ask that only water is provided.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Neil Le Feuvre

