St Bridget's C of E Primary School



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Together Everybody Achieves More

Tuesday 15th April

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks school has been exceptionally busy. Where do I start? One of the quickest ways of reviewing some of the activities that have taken place in school is to review either our Twitter or Facebook feeds on our main website. The children and teachers have worked hard and there have been many highlights such as:

- The work in Year 5 where children have presented their own living museums to visiting parents
- Our wonderful Spring concert
- Tasting the Year 2 recipes
- Seeing the wonderful artwork in our reception area
- Testing how fast we can serve on our tennis day
- Trying out our new go-karts in golden time
- Starting to enjoy our new reading books for Key stage 2...

I could go on. On top of this the teachers have written reports to go out today and are in the process of reviewing all of the individual progress made by children so far this year. It has been a busy and successful term.

Easter

Today Year 6 helped to bring our work through Lent to a close with a wonderful Easter service. My thanks to Father John and Father Mike who have supported our journey through Lent as well. At the beginning of Lent we challenged the children and ourselves to dig deep and think about changes they could make in their lives for the better. One aspect of this was to raise money for CAFOD. Another challenge for the children was to be more thoughtful in the playground towards each other and respectful towards our midday assistants. During this time we have introduced a new playground charter and took time to share this with all children and staff in school. As a result I have already noticed some positive changes in some of the children's conversation and actions towards each other, especially when things become difficult. In the Summer we will work on this to ensure it is a lasting change.

New staff

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Cookson who is going to teach in Rosebank Special School after Easter. Mrs Cookson first started working at St. Bridget's in 2007 and we wish her every success in her new school. After Easter, we will be welcoming Mr Marriot who will be teaching Year 3 for the Summer. Mr Marriot is















an experienced Year 3 teacher who has already met with his new class and he has completed a full transition meeting with Mrs Cookson. He is looking forward to meeting all the parents and is well prepared for an exciting summer term.

E-safety workshop

Many thanks to the parents who attended the E-safety meeting with Mrs Johnson. The feedback from the meeting was excellent and a number of parents left feeling well informed and better prepared to support their child using new technologies. More information about e-safety can be found on our website under the school office tab.

Dates

Sports Day

Foundation Stage – Wednesday 18th June, 1.30pm Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 20th May, 1.30pm (reserve Wednesday 4th June, 1.30pm) Year 3 and Year 4 – Wednesday 21st May, 1.30pm (reserve Tuesday 3rd June, 1.30pm) Year 5 and Year 6 – Friday 23rd May, 1.30pm (reserve Thursday 5th June, 1.30pm)

Term Dates

Summer Term 2014

Open Monday 28th April – Friday 23rd May Half Term Holiday Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May Open Monday 2nd June – Wednesday 16th July Summer Holiday Starts on Thursday 17th July Notes: May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May Inset Day – Thursday 22nd May

Polite reminders/Notices

End of the Day Scooters/Bikes

The end of the day is a time to relax and play. Unfortunately, in the confines of our playground with children running around of all ages, not to mention adults, it can become very dangerous. Recently a number of children have fallen off scooters or had accidents in the playground. I have asked the teachers to remind the children not to play on them and I would appreciate your support in reminding your children as well.

Dogs

I ask that dogs (except guide dogs) are not brought onto the school grounds (even if carried) and when they are tied up by the school gate they are attended. With 420 children and numerous adults walking past they can get excitable and on occasions this can cause concern.

Nail Varnish and Fashion Bracelets

I ask that children do not wear nail varnish or fashion bracelets when in school.

School Office Notices

The school phone goes to night service at 4.15pm.















Midday Supervisor Vacancy

In the near future I expect to have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. If you would be interested in supporting the work of our school at lunchtimes please leave your name at the **school office** or speak to me if you would like more information.

Irby Cricket club, Mill Hill road, Irby

Boys and girls are welcome (age 5 upwards) to come along to our Registration and Open evening, at the cricket club, on Friday 21st March, from 6.30pm onwards (drop in session). We have weekly training and matches in all junior/senior age groups. Coaches are available to speak to, and more information available on the night. Further details : Sue Hughes email: suehughes11@sky.com Irby CC junior secretary.

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