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Dear Parents,

A message from the Road Safety Team

With the clocks having 'fallen' back last weekend, the dark nights draw in even more dramatically, which is why Road Safety Officers in Wirral are reminding all children about 'be bright, be seen'. Every year people are killed or seriously injured simply because they could not be seen by drivers. Not only does it get darker earlier at this time of year, invariably the weather conditions add to the problems. The message from Wirral Council's Road Safety Team is to 'be bright, be seen', which will improve the children's safety by increasing their visibility to other road users.

In addition to wearing high-visibility clothing or accessories, such as reflective vests or bands, people are also urged to take extra care crossing the roads in darkness and to use pedestrian crossings wherever possible, or at least cross near a street light. It is not just pedestrians that need to be lit up, dog walkers can also get accessories for pets too to ensure they can be seen on dark nights.

Road safety officers are also keen to remind cyclists that the darkness increases their vulnerability out on the road too. Their bikes have to, by law, have a white front light a rear red light and a rear red reflector. Cllr. Harry Smith, Wirral Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, says young people can be particularly vulnerable going to and from school at this time of year.

"Even if school uniforms aren't especially bright, parents can buy special high-visibility tabards from many retailers, or even get fluorescent bands to wear over coats or other clothing."

"School bags in bright colours or with high-visibility strips are another alternative – and if none of these appeal, then you can buy stickers to go on bags or coats which will also help visibility."

Police Superintendent Roley Moore visits

On Tuesday 15th October the Year 5 and 6 pupils welcomed Police Superintendent Roley Moore to St Bridget's. Mr Moore came to deliver the important message of accepting and celebrating the differences of human beings. His talk included a number of topics including; racism, disabilities, cultural differences, the law and respect. He also answered the many questions the children had for him. The visit from Mr Moore builds upon our work as a Rights Respecting School.

Harvest Festival

Just before half term we had a wonderful harvest festival lead by Year 3. They read poems, sang songs and shared their work with the whole school. Thank you for all the donations for Harvest Festival. Representatives from the Charles Thompson Mission brought their van and nearly filled it with all your generous donations.

Cross Country

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 third and the boy's team came second! There were a number of

notable performances at Birkenhead Park but I extend my congratulations to all the children who took part and gave their best.

Boys Team Year 6 Owen Sterry 9 th Arun Brunskill 13 th	Girls Team Year 6 Ellie Higgs 5 th Ingrid Burns 14 th
Boys Team Year 5 Harvey Robinson 8 th Finlay Austin 16 th	Girls Year 5 Grace McFarlane 3 rd Bethan Hulme 10 th Anna Ledingham 13 th
Boys Year 4 Charlie Hayes Green 1 st	

The next school cross country race is Thursday 27th February in Coronation Park and before this race we will be inviting more year 4 children to race and take part.

Athletics

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 athletics team who completed in the final heat of the Wirral Indoor Sportshall Athletics competition held at Bebington High Sports College on Tuesday 29th October. They won on the night against opposition from Sacred Heart Primary, Bidston Avenue Primary and Sandbrook Primary. The children performed brilliantly and Miss Bowler would like to thank all the parents who helped to transport the children to the event and gave their support.

The points scored on the night will be compared against the scores from all of the other competitions that were held across Wirral to find out who the top three schools are. The top three schools will be asked to represent the county.

St. Martin's Day Peace Parade

This half term year 4 are helping to celebrate St. Martin's Day Peace Parade in West Kirby. Year 4 are helping to spread a message of peace, kindness and sharing in a response to Remembrance Day. With the help of a local artist they are making lanterns which they will take to the parade on Monday 11th November at 5.30pm.

Year 4 are also selling Remembrance Day Poppies daily for a small donation.

Next week we will also be selling shoe boxes which are sent by the Wallasey Rotary Club to children in Eastern Europe for Christmas. More information will follow shortly.

Blue Peter Badge for Libby Johnston

Libby has been awarded a Blue Peter Badge for her bag design. Her design allows for a shoulder bag to be converted into a backpack for heavier items. Libby showed off her design and badge in assembly.

Dates for Christmas

Monday 16th Dec 9.30am - Reception Nativity in school (Reception parents invited)

Tuesday 17th Dec 9.30am - Year 1 - Christmas Assembly in school (Year 1 parents invited)

Wednesday 18th Dec 9.30am - Year 2 and 3 Christmas Service (the service will be led by Year 2) in church at 9.30am (Year 2 and 3 parents invited)

Thursday 19th Dec 9.30am - Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Service (the service will be led by Year 4) in church at 9.30am (Year 4, 5 and 6 parents invited)

Reminders

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.

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.

I would also ask that children do not ride their scooters/bikes until they are out of the school premises. While many children are confident riders the entrance to school and the playground are too busy for them to ride safely.

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