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Together Everyone Achieves More

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Dear Parents,

Snow and weather

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. The children certainly returned in high spirits and are particularly excited about the snow (and so are the staff!!) This week may present some challenges if the the snow and weather worsens. Where possible, I will try and ensure that the school remains open. I will post messages on the website and Twitter by at least 8am everyday. Obviously, please send your children in with warmer clothes, hats, gloves and wellies. At school we will be taking the children out to enjoy the snow and we will take the opportunity to do some snow related curriculum activities. As children, these can be some of the most exciting and memorable days both at school and at home. Do you remember your snow days?

Gender Equality week

This term has already provided some fantastic learning experiences. Our Gender Equality week really helped all of the school to appreciate the struggle over time to achieve gender equality in this country. Some recent national news events would suggest there is still more work to do, but our children are very well informed. The week ended with a fantastic assembly in which the children show cased their work and all of us tied ribbons to the prayer tree showing although we are all different, we are all equal. The prayer tree looks amazing. One of the key aspects learnt from the week was about "not giving up". This is an important message for all of our children. Could you share a story with your child, about a time when you did not give up and achieved something important to you?

First Aid training

For the third year running, all children have recived first aid training from St. John's Ambulance. This is an important part of our curriculum. In learning first aid skills, the children have learnt how to communicate with each other, understand key messages quickly and how to support one another. All of these are important everyday skills and not just for first aid.

E-Safety

Once again, our pupils were entertained by a performance targetting the teaching and learning of E-Safety. This is an important part of everyday learning for our children and their families. Year 5 were also lucky to participate in their own workshop following the performance. Here the children were able to take part in drama, discussions and games all linked to the vital messages of staying safe whilst online. Please look at our website for advice and guidance on this subject.

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS Inspection)

Just before half term, I was writing the first draft of the newsletter when we received a call for our Church School Inspection called a SIAMS Inspection. This inspection looks at our at progress from our last inspection, which was in 2013, and judges the school against the following questions:



- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

The report was very positive about our school and will be published on our website when it soon becomes available.

Lent

Before half term, children from Year 5 led our church service and reminded us all about the important messages of Lent. Year 5 challenged us to think about something we could do before Easter which would help us to be more thoughtful. Sometimes we give something up and sometimes we do something extra. This year we have collected all of these ideas and placed them under our prayer tree. There is something from every child in the school. We will give these back to the children at Easter.

Key Stage One (Infant) Playground

The development of our outdoor spaces continues. We have now successfully improved the infant playground with a new sports area and an outdoor learning classroom for the reception children. This work was completed yesterday and was partly funded by the Parents Association. With your support we are able to complete these projects to higher specifications or just more quickly. Many thanks for your continued support in improving our school.

Charity

We have received letters of thanks from the Church Urban Fund and the Charles Thompson Mission. We eventually raised over £1700 with our Sleepout Challenge and the Charles Thompson Mission appreciated all the donations and funds we raised during Advent.

Parents Evening dates

- Monday 19th March
- Tuesday 20th March
- Wednesday 21st March

The feedback from the last parents evening strongly favoured our new approach of inviting children to attend with their parents from Year 3-6. Some parents were concerned that they wanted to ask questions that they did not want their children to hear. In these circumstances please see or speak to the teacher prior to the evening if possible.

Sports

Tricstars Street dance Squad

Well done to Edie and Ava for performing at the recent Tranmere versus Macclesfield match. The girls were selected for the squad after participating in one of our 6 week taster clubs last year.

Chess

St Bridget's under 11's A and B teams have qualified for the next stages of the National English Semi Finals Chess tournament to be played at Pontins! The first team came out with gold, just beating Dawpool by a tie break, while the second team came 4th.

Gymnastics

The year 3/4 gymnastic team were crowned all round champions at the Wirral Key Steps Development competition.

Judo

Well done to Robert in year 5 who after trying judo for the first time at school entered a local competition and came second.

All Inclusive New Age Kurling

Our teams have won the local competitions and are now representing Wirral in the County Finals later this year. These teams included children from Year 2 to Year 6

General Notices and Information

Allergies

Please be aware that we have some children in school who are very allergic to nuts and kiwi fruit. If your child brings in a snack or lunch, it is important that it does not contain nuts, nut related products such as Nutella, or kiwi.

Sickness

If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode. This is the guidance from Public Health England.

Adult readers in school

We constantly have a need for parents to listen to children read in school. If you have any regular spare time, even if it is just one hour per week, please contact the school office and leave your details.

Free School Meals

Students in receipt of Free School Meals receive a daily credit on their cashless catering account. This allows them sufficient credit to purchase a hot meal and a drink at lunchtime. Free School Meals are available for children if their parent or carer receives certain benefits. In addition, the school receives Pupil Premium funding each year of £1320 per student who is entitled to free school meals; this funding continues for up to six years after the Free School Meals claim ends. This means that even if you only expect to claim for a short period of time, the Pupil Premium funding will continue to support your child's education for the long term. If you don't apply our school will miss out on funding which could go towards providing additional support for your child. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch you will still need to register for Free School Meals for our school to receive the Pupil Premium funding. If you think that you might be eligible, please complete your claim online at: Wirral Council Free School Meals Application. [Free school meals link](#)

Yours sincerely,

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