

St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Luke 10:27

6-1-23

Dear Parents/Carers.

Happy New Year and I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. The children have arrived back in school full of energy and excitement. In our first assembly of the term we introduced Gender Equality which is part of our Social Justice theme for this term.

Messages from the Rex Alex - Keep warm on us

Many of you will know about the Link café at St Bridget's centre on a Wednesday morning, a free drop in for tea, coffee and toast. With the current energy crisis and our own desire to live more sustainably the church has made the decision to keep the café open until 3pm every Wednesday. You are welcome to come and use the space to work, to meet up with friends or simply to enjoy a cuppa. Free wi-fi, tea, coffee toast, soup and biscuits are available. The café is run by local volunteers from the church and community

Looking for a new opportunity?

St Bridget's church and parish is looking for someone to support Reverend Alex in her work with children and families. They are currently advertising a part time post (either 20 hrs a week (15K p/a or as a job share of 10hrs a week) worked flexibly and predominantly term time. The role is varied but includes supporting baby and toddler groups, planning child and family friendly activities and strengthening links between school, home and church communities. If you might be interested then please contact Reverend Alex rectorwestkirby@gmail.com or 0151 625 1052

School Questionnaire

Our response to the school questionnaire has been extended and I would invite as many parents as possible to fill in our questionnaire which will inform our school improvement. **Thank you for your time.** Please use this <u>link</u> for the Parental Questionnaire 2022.

Polite Reminders

Punctuality and learning

Our school is open from 8.45am to 9.05am. We know that these times support all families arriving, especially with the busy roads and limited parking around the school. When children arrive in school there are always activities set up to engage them in their learning. Sometimes this will be something to support learning for the day ahead and other times it will be something to

















reinforce learning from the day before. We still have some children that arrive after this time and I would encourage all parents to ensure that their children arrive at school promptly each day.

- **Important Notice for lunchboxes grapes -** We would ask that if children bring grapes into school that these are cut in half.
- **E-safety new devices-** Just a quick reminder to start learning or keep up to date about e-safety for any new toys or gadgets or mobile devices that your children might receive. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- Lost property will be out on the playground to be reclaimed next Monday and Wednesday.

Back-to-school advice issued to North West parents amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever circulating

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break this week, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels, but following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are <u>currently circulating at high levels</u> and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also <u>continue to be reported</u>.

Prof Susan Hopkins, Chief medical Adviser at UKHSA, said: "It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

"Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practise regular hand washing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. "Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings unless urgent or visit vulnerable people. "Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and those they come into contact with and it's still not too late."

Dates

Inset 4 - 19-7-23 Inset 5 - 20-7-23

Thank you for your continued support,

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