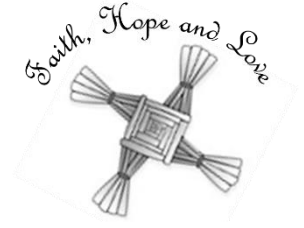




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"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Council

Earlier this week the School Council representatives spoke to their classes and discussed the idea of 'Meat Free Mondays'. This was the subject of our discussions in assemblies. The feedback from the children was that they were largely in favour of trying this, but some of them still felt they still needed all options. The catering team already provide for this but the School Council are going to help all of the children understand why Meat Free Mondays, even if it is not their preference, can be a positive action for our environment.

Covid update

Covid numbers have risen this week in school. We have 27 pupils across the school absent due to Covid. We continue to take additional precautions and keep in touch with the Local Authority.

Maths Workshop

Thank you to all of the year 2, 3 and 4 parents who attended our socially distanced maths workshop. The feedback was very positive and we are looking forward to inviting all of the year 5 and 6 parents who have signed up to attend next week. The workshop is held in the hall and you can access this from the playground.

Medical tracker - in use from Monday

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about first aid incidents and medication administration at school. Sending paper notifications home can be rather 'hit and miss' with notifications often going astray along the way. We are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost, time and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved with this. To help make improvements in these areas we have decided to use a service called Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker not only allows us to inform parents/ carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by email but it also allows us to analyse the data we record.

Medical Tracker will be beneficial to you because:

- We can record and track first aid incidents that involve your child
- We can record and track medication administration that involves your child
- You can be notified immediately after a first aid incident by email
- You can be notified immediately after medication has been administered by email

Communication from Chester Diocesan Board of Education - inspection of previously exempt outstanding schools:

FFT Education Datalab, (a national research institute) has analysed Ofsted's monthly information of inspections carried out during the Autumn term 2021. This analysis shows the impact of the new inspection framework on outcomes for schools. Previously, outstanding schools were classed as exempt from inspection unless Ofsted's risk assessment process showed that there was concern that standards were declining. This exemption has now been revoked and inspections of these schools began in September 2021 as part of the new Education Inspection Framework (EIF).

During the Autumn term 2021, 68 primary schools that were previously classified as Outstanding were inspected. According to the FFT analysis, 57 of these schools **did not** retain the Outstanding grade **(84%)**. Researchers caution that it is still early in the new process to draw conclusions, but Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman has publicly stated that she feels it is '**more realistic**' to halve the current number of existing outstanding schools.

Chris Russell, Ofsted's national Director of Education said in late 2021 there is "no doubt that under the current education inspection framework 'outstanding' is a challenging and exacting judgment to achieve. It does mean for example, a school that has been judged 'outstanding' a good many years ago can be inspected again and judged to be 'good'. That doesn't mean that the school has declined in recent years, in fact the opposite can be the case, so it is very important, I think, in those circumstances, to read the inspection report really carefully, to get a really good view of how good the school is now and how well the school is doing."

West Kirby Museum

The new exhibition in West Kirby Museum is about "St Bridget's school history". The Museum is open every Saturday from 10-1pm. The exhibition will be in place during January to April.

Polite reminder - Safety at the end of the day

The playground is very busy at the end of the day and my staff continually notice young children playing on the equipment and sometimes with little supervision. While the equipment is tempting for children to play on it is only to be used in school time with teacher supervision. In this way we are able to avoid accidents or any serious incidents

Dog fouling and mess – Unfortunately, a number of parents and children have raised the issue of dog excrement around school. The school are now in the process of raising this issue with the council.

Inset Days 2021-22

- Monday 28th February 2022
- Friday 27th May 2022

Thursday 21st July - Additional holiday (1 day) for Queens Diamond Jubilee

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Neil Le Feuvre

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