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Together Everyone Achieves More

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Dear Parents,

The last few weeks of this summer term have been very exciting and the warm weather has certainly contributed to the feeling that summer is here. This year we have tried to give parents more opportunities to come into school to see children in merit assemblies, concerts, end of topic assemblies and special celebrations. We have had lots of very positive feedback and look forward to making more improvements next year. The support and commitment of parents is vital for the continued success of the school. Most recently it was great to have so much help for the end of the year discos and the children had a fantastic time. Sometimes parents are able to offer help during the day to help with school activities or listen to children read. If you have any spare time and would like to help in school please contact the school office. All support is welcome and valued.

Well done Year 6

It is this time of year that we say farewell to our current year 6 children. They have been a fabulous year group and they have achieved so much during their time at St. Bridget's. Last week they all attended a Leaver's Service at Chester Cathedral and this week we will have our own Leavers Service in St. Bridget's Church. This is a chance for the children to reflect on all of their time at St. Bridget's and an opportunity to look forward to the new challenges in September. After the service Year 6 parents and children come back for refreshments which are provided by some of the Year 5 parents. I would like to thank Mrs Macdonald for helping to arrange this.

Last week Year 6 and year 5 treated us to a wonderful end of year show. They performed with great energy and enthusiasm. The jokes were funny, the singing was great and their enjoyment was obvious. This term many of them also took part in a very successful residential trip to Plas Caerdeon, near Barmouth. They returned to school at the exact same time we welcomed one of our new reception classes for September into school for the first time. It was one of those special moments when you realise how much children change and grow during their primary years.

Thank you Mrs Connah

This week we also say goodbye to Mrs Connah. Mrs Connah has worked at St. Bridget's for 17 years. She has been a wonderful teacher and a fantastic member of staff. We all wish her a happy retirement. Mrs Connah will not lose all her links with St. Bridget's and has promised to keep in contact although she informs me that she is looking forward to having a good holiday in term time.

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Charity

Looking at the website it is great to see all the activities and events that have happened in May, June and July. There have been many great moments. The visits of the children and teachers from Belarus has become an annual event and this year they visited classes, joined us for lunch and participated in games during the afternoon. As the visiting children and teachers left, they commented on the warm welcome they received and how much they enjoyed their visit. We were also able to donate to the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Charity £400 which we raised from our non-uniform day.

Sporting News

Swimming - Our year 5 and 6 swimming team performed brilliantly and came second in the Wirral Finals and third in the Deeside Finals. I would like to thank all the parents and teachers who supported the children in both events.

Football – The Year 6 boy's football team made it to the semi-final of the Houlihan Cup. They played well but lost to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary 5-1. My thanks to Mr Bickerstaff who has supported the football team with their training and preparations as well as Mr Neal who has helped organise the fixtures and team.

Athletics – Nearly all year groups have taken part in recent athletic competitions with great success.

Year 5 and 6 became the Wirral Indoor Sport Hall Athletic Champions and represented the county at the North West Final in which they came sixth.

Year 5 and 6 athletes also became the Wirral Quad Kid Champions in May and represented the county at the Merseyside Youth Games in July. They came first in this event and are the Merseyside Champions.

Year 3 and 4 are the Wirral Quad kid Champions.

Year 2 entered the Infant Agility Competition in June 2013 and came third.

Children from Year 2 and Year 4 have attended athletic festivals at Sacred Heart.

I would like to thank Miss Bowler for organising all of the athletic teams.

Chess - Our chess club is very popular and Mr Hanson has encouraged and supported a number of our children to become excellent chess players. Their most recent games were against mainly grandparents in the infant playground on Monday night after school. There is a lovely photo on the website.

Maypole – Our Maypole dancers performed brilliantly at the Church Summer Fair and have been invited to perform on two more occasions during the summer.

Music

We have thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful performances from our musicians this year – not only in the Spring Concert and music talent assemblies, but in our year group assemblies and church services throughout the year too. The enthusiastic singing has been commendable. Well done!

Bike It

Well done to all the children who participated in our Bike It activities this year. It is great to know that children are learning to cycle safely and confidently – keeping fit and looking after the environment. Miss Cotterell will be the new Bike It Champion in September. Thank you to the Bike It Crew who have been a tremendous help to Mrs McCarthy and Miss Cotterell – running the project and inspiring children.

Bike Donation Scheme

Many thanks to everyone who has donated bikes through our donation scheme. The community support officers were thrilled with them. In return the Bike-It crew were given bike maintenance training by the officers. If you are having a sort out in the summer holidays, we would be grateful for anymore bikes that we can pass on to be used.

Some requests from the local community

Please try to ensure that your dog does not foul in the church yard.

Please do not use the Drive between 16-18 Madley Road as this is a private drive and not a short cut to school.

Please park legally, avoid driving on verges or parking across driveways.

Wirral Earth Fest 2013

A few weeks ago Father Mike came and spoke to the children about the Wirral Earth Fest 2013. During the assembly he asked the children to think about the environment and helped them appreciate the challenges of looking after our wonderful planet. The Earth Fest starts in September and many of the children and staff are keen to support the event. I have included the main details below.

The Wirral Earth Festival aims to connect people from this beautiful part of the world with their local environment and each other. The event brings together a host of local artists, trades people, conservationists, faith groups and activists to celebrate and promote the local area and the wonder of nature.



When?

Main event: Saturday 14th September 2013, 10am – 4pm (free entry)

Folk night: Saturday 14th, from 7.30pm (ticketed event)

Look out for talks and performances in the run up.

What?

Live music all day, artists, locally produced food, local breweries, films, Incredible Edibles, bees and hives, hens, ponies, pods, willow sculptors, yoga, local rangers, activities for kids, Grandparents' University and more...

Where?

St. Bridget's Church and School grounds, West Kirby, CH48 3JT

Would you like to be a part of Wirral Earth Fest 2013?

Contact Andrew: argibb@btinternet.com or Mike: mgloach@gmail.com

Follow us on facebook: www.facebook.com/WirralEarthFest2013

Cricket for the summer

If your child is interested in playing cricket in the summer you may want to contact Sue Hughes at Irby Cricket Club (07962 275943).

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Thank you for your continued support,

Neil Le Feuvre