



# St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

**Luke 10:27**

**June 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Chester Zoo Trip**

The summer term is racing away and my staff are working hard to fit everything in! One of the most recent highlights of the term was taking the entire school to Chester Zoo. It was certainly one of the most interesting risk assessments I have completed which incorporated 429 children and 71 adults. (Having just had knee surgery on the previous Friday my role was limited to chief organiser left back at school). I am pleased to say that the trip was a great success for both the adults, children and animals. Since returning the children have been inspired and I have had numerous requests to sponsor animals and raise money for conservation projects. Just as important is the discussion that class teachers are having with children about issues such as the use of sustainable palm oil. The children are not only inspired, but more informed and knowledgeable. Thank you to everyone who helped or offered their help for the trip. It was a great success.

Later that evening some of the staff and children attended the swimming gala at West Kirby Concourse. The children swam brilliantly and cheered on their team mates with great enthusiasm. Thank you to all of the staff and parents that took the time to support the children. At the same time the Parents Association held the PA Summer Party which was a great success and well attended. The weather was not as favourable as we would have liked, but the barbecue still went ahead. Once again thank you to everyone who helped to organise and support this event.

## **St. Bridget's Buddies launch – before and after school care - September**

For the last few years we have had before and after school provision provided by a private provider. From September we will be taking over this provision and will be providing before and after school care directly from St. Bridget's, which will be called **St. Bridget's Buddies**. The aim is to provide wrap around care for the children in school. As the staff will now be part of St. Bridget's and the provision run by school there are a number of benefits that you should see. Firstly, my catering team will help to provide breakfast and snacks. Secondly, we will be able to use the school more fully which includes better use of the ICT suite and sports equipment/facilities. Already there has been increased take up and if this is something you would like to enquire about, please contact the school office who will give you further details.

## **Curriculum – Coast2Country@WirralC2C**

For the last few weeks the children in school have been developing their knowledge of the environment through work with Chester Zoo. The next part of this work is looking at our local area and how we can be more responsible in looking after our environment. Already we have started our big planting project on the school field and I am delighted to see things are growing! At the beginning of this year I shared this idea with

a number of head teachers who feel equally passionate about this and we now have 15 schools working on our Coast to Country Project. The twitter link is up and the schools are now sharing their work. Next week all of the schools are taking part in a litter pick in the local area and are hosting an art exhibition at the Williamson Art Gallery on July 10th throughout the summer. This project is really exciting and something which has inspired so many children from so many schools.

### Father John

A few weeks ago Father John announced that he will be retiring in February 2020. He is retiring after 40 years of full time Christian Ministry, eight of these years as Rector of St Bridget's and Caldý. We will miss him and wish him a happy retirement when this arrives.

### Sports News

#### Sports day

We were blessed with good weather late in May and managed to hold all 4 of our sports days. The winning house overall was Shore. Above all it was great to see the excitement and support the children gave each other when competing. Four great days.

#### Chess

Chess is now part of our curriculum in Year 3 and we have more chess players than ever which is just great to see. Recently, we sent three teams to the National Primary Schools Chess Championships. All of the teams performed well with two of the teams gaining Bronze award in the under 9 and under 11 age groups. We have also had an all-girls team attend a local competition and once again they played brilliantly gaining a number of notable individual successes.

#### Polite reminders:

- **Lunch boxes** – we ask that children do not have chocolate bars/sweets in their lunch box.
- **Allergy reminder** - Children are allowed to bring in healthy snacks at break time, but we would ask that these do not contain nuts or Kiwi fruit.

Key Dates for 2019-20 – All of these are on the school calendar.

#### Inset days

Monday 2nd Sept 2019

Tuesday 3rd Sept 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

All dates for Christmas services and sports days are on the school calendar. These dates are broadly the same as last year and if they change we will give you as much notice as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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