

St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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> 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Luke 10:27



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Merry Christmas

During the last week we have celebrated the arrival of Christmas with services across the school. The central messages of faith, hope and love have been shared throughout. In our end of term assembly, we thought about how the children, staff and our community have prepared themselves for Christmas. We have raised money through events such as our Christmas Jumper day, donated toys in toy service for the Charles Thompson Mission (their van was full to the brim), delivered 211kg of food and essential items to the Foodbank and not forgetting that some of the staff slept out overnight to raise money for Urban Church Fund (now over £1000). Thank you for all of your support. We have delivered some important messages to our children which I think is echoed from the Christmas Tree decorations which simply state "all are welcome".

Staffing Update

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Johnson. As previously mentioned, Mrs Johnson is leaving to become the Headteacher of Greasby Junior School. Mrs Johnson has worked at St. Bridget's for just over 14 years and today in assembly the children and staff have expressed their thanks and appreciation for all she has done whilst she has been at St. Bridget's.

After Christmas, Mrs Wilson will become the new SENCo. She has just completed a very thorough transition with Mrs Johnson. Mr Neal will become the new Deputy Headteacher and Mr Ryan will take over Mrs Johnson's teaching commitment. Once again Mr Ryan has been working alongside Mrs Johnson for the last few weeks and has completed a successful transition.

In my last newsletter I forgot to mention that Mrs Ross our mastery maths teacher had been invited and has since visited Shanghai to observe the teaching of maths. The visit proved to be a fantastic experience and one in which she learnt a lot. Interestingly, she was asked to teach maths at the highest achieving school in Shanghai and was filmed doing so. The feedback from their Headteacher was full of praise and they would like to invite her back to do more work with them. High praise indeed.

We try and encourage all parents to park away from school or walk, however, sometimes there are parents or children who need to access parking nearer or within school. At the moment there are two families in school that have permission to access parking in school. This means that around



















school drop off and pick up time that St. Bridget's Lane may be accessed by two additional cars, apart from any other traffic. Please remember that while we ask parents to not use this road during school pick up and drop off time, we have no official authority over the use of this public road.

Parents Association

Thank you to all of the parents who have given up their time to support the school this term. Our Christmas was very successful and raised just under £4000 for the school. This year the Parents Association has supported the school in purchasing new computers for the ICT suite which are not only faster but are more environmentally friendly, as they use less energy.

Chess

Well done to our Chess Team who played in the Wirral Junior Chess Championship against a number of local schools at the end of November. We had some great successes in both the boy's and girl's competitions at U11, U10 and U9 level.

Polite reminders

Dog waste

Unfortunately, the church wardens and the caretaker have noticed that some people (hopefully not St. Bridget's parents) have been leaving dog muck by the church gardener's room (sometimes on the water butt) or outside of the school entrance. I would ask that parents who do bring their dogs to school are extra careful with how waste is disposed of.

Medical updates

We have sent home any out of date inhalers or prescribed medicine to be renewed, ready in time for the start of term in January.

Traffic

Unfortunately, I have received some complaints from local residents about parents waiting for children and keeping their car engines running as well as some challenging driving! I would ask that you support our community and the safe travel to school of all of our children whilst considering the environment when possible.

Information

Just to let you know that there is as new website for Wirral My Mind - CAMHS. It offers advice and services to parents as well as schools. It's is a good website to review if you have any worries. https://www.mymind.org.uk/

Free School Meal link

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please use the direct link below. https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

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