



# St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. As we near the end of January I wonder if any of you made any New Year Resolutions and if you are still keeping them (even just a little bit). In our assemblies with the children we have set them some challenges for the New Year. I have asked the children to:

**1. Try and reduce the food waste at lunchtime**

Already we have had some success with reducing our food waste. The initial weight at one lunchtime was 29kg of food waste which has reduced to 21kg. We think we can still do better. The school staff are encouraging the children to make sure that they have eaten as much as they can, including trying their vegetables as well as making sure they choose the food that they enjoy eating when it is served.

**2. Keep reading regularly or read more**

In my last newsletter I discussed the importance of reading and my staff are working hard throughout the school to ensure that children have the necessary skills to meet or exceed the National Curriculum standards. I am also acutely aware of promoting the love of reading. Not only is it a vital life skill but it is something that many of us do for pleasure. One of the most interesting questions I heard the other day was "what was the first book that inspired you to read more?" Your children would love to know and it is the question we will be asking them on World Book Day in March.

**3. To keep thinking about how we are a Rights Respecting School**

As a Rights Respecting School we have been awarded Level 2. Only a few schools have achieved this level but that was not the reason we set out on this journey. There is still more work to do and this award just recognises our journey and achievements so far in promoting UN Charter Rights of the Child.

## **Sporting Success**

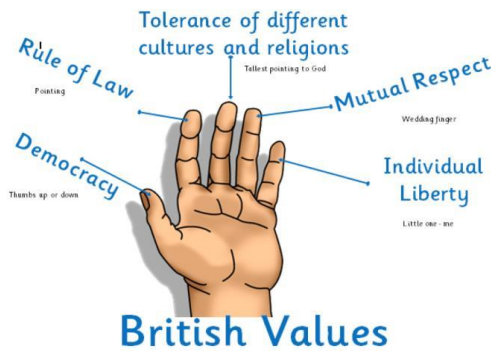
Well done to the school Boccia Team who played against some visiting schools from Wirral recently in a mini tournament. We have tweeted some of the photos and the St. Bridget's teams came first and second.

## **Multi-cultural Week**

This week always gives the children and staff a chance to reflect and learn new things in a more focussed way over the course of a week. During the week children thought about British Values and learnt more about Melanesia as we are now developing a link with St. Nicholas College in Honiara, Solomon Islands. This link has been promoted through the Diocese of Chester. We have had limited contact with the school so far as it is their summer holiday at the moment!

## **Some of the children have asked for their thoughts to be included in the newsletter...**

Sasha in Year 5 has written, "Last week we had lots of fun with multicultural week and we learnt about the 5 different British values and we also learnt about Melanesia. Next Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February the choir practices will be back on with the amazing Miss Smith. I hope that everybody has liked learning the Olympic song from London 2012. As you all know we have finally achieved level 2 for our Rights Respecting, however, even though we have we have achieved all of the levels we should still show respect to everyone."



Daniela and Erin from year 5 wrote, “We all hope you have had an amazing multicultural week. We should remember what we have learnt and the songs that Miss Smith has taught us. Each day we learnt and talked about a different British Value and in the afternoons we learnt about Melanesia. It is important for everyone to be respectful to each other. We should all follow the rules and we should not bully. Always be kind to everyone otherwise they won’t be kind to you, so take on what you learnt from 2017 Multicultural week.”

### **Amounts raised for Charity last term**

Show Racism the Red Card - £366

The Advent Sleep out Challenge – Urban Church fund £1404

### **Some polite notices and reminders**

#### **Parking and driving around the school – please read**

This is a regular reminder to park and drive carefully around the school. The local roads are not designed for the heavy traffic using the local area so we need to pay careful attention to how we use the them. Where possible I encourage parents or carers to walk or park further away from school to ensure safety. I enclose a message from a parent that I have received:

“As a parent of 3 children at St Bridget’s, I know only too well how hard it is to get them up and to school on time, but that still does not give me the excuse to park illegally, on yellow lines or worst still the school zig zag markings, but each and every morning parents and carers still do it. These road markings are there for a reason, our children’s safety. Please could you consider this before parking in these hazardous areas.”

#### **Pokémon cards – just a few cards is okay**

Some of the children are bringing in their Pokémon cards to school and they are really enjoying the showing and talking about their favourite cards. Many of them are so knowledgeable and have gone into great detail when talking to me. Inevitably we have had some disagreements, particularly when there have been swaps made. At present I do not want to ban these from coming to school and I ask that if your child brings cards to school that they look after them and only bring a few which they do not swap.

#### **A message from Mrs Mountain our School Catering Manager**

Just a quick reminder of the policy for school meals, we operate on a system of children coming in all week for hot meals or packed lunch, with one weeks notice for change. There have been numerous children over the past few weeks that are changing daily. To save on food waste, we cater for children who join us every day. However on recent occasions our regular children have missed out on their first choice due to extra children. We will always cater for children who have forgotten their packed lunch, but unless we have had notification from parents we will only offer the deli option.

Thank you for your continuing support,

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