



# 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,

Last week we were able to resume taking Year Six on their residential trip to Robinwood. I know this is something that they all enjoy and it is an important part of our curriculum. It helps them to develop their independence and confidence to try new things. Miss Smith has also introduced our theme for personal development which is 'Don't forget to let love in'. This focuses on asking the children to think about how we look after ourselves as well as others. It allows the children to reflect on their personal qualities such as care, honesty and friendship.

## **Earlier opening**

As promised we have kept the start of school time under review. We have continued to receive feedback from parents and local residents that mornings are very busy. Therefore, as of Monday 8th November, school will open five minutes earlier at **8:45am** to help ease congestion around school.

## **Covid update**

The Covid infection in school remains very low. However, we are aware of the rates of infection being high locally. My staff continue to support the children with good hand hygiene and well-ventilated classes. Staff now also wear face coverings in corridors where there is a high flow of children and staff.

Unfortunately, towards the end of half term, both myself and my eldest son contracted Covid! I am grateful that neither of us experienced any lengthy illness and are both recovering well. Strangely, my wife and younger son have remained Covid free during this time. My isolation ends on Tuesday and I will be in school on Wednesday. I have been able to carry out some of my duties remotely, but I would like to thank Mr Neal (Deputy Headteacher) for running school in my absence.

## **Parents Association update**

It was lovely to meet and chat with so many new parents from Reception and Year 1 before half term and it was good to hear so many stories about how well the children have settled into school during these less than normal times.

Our Parents Association provides invaluable support to the school. Often the PA funds additional resources that we would not always be able to buy. Recently, we have purchased a programme called Accelerated Reader which helps to support reading and reading comprehension across the school as well as a set of programmable robots. I know the PA are looking to fund these exciting additions to our school and thank you for all of your support and help.

## Cross Country update

In our last race cross country race we once again had the largest team of runners. Our girls team came first and our boys team came third. Thank you to Mr Green and Mr Conroy who have organised and encouraged the children to take part.

## Remembrance Day

We will have our annual Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday in school during which the children will be given a poppy. Due to Coronavirus restrictions we will not be taking cash donations in school so please support the appeal using the following link. [British Legion Poppy Appeal](#)

## Celebrate reading - Book Fair!

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair. It has raised over £1500 for new books for our school library. Over half term we have started the revamp of our school library and we are now in the process of restocking it with more books. This coincides with our reintroduction of parent helpers coming into school to support children, particularly with their reading. My thanks to those who have volunteered so far.

## Key dates (Please check)

### Inset Days 2021-22

- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Friday 27th May 2022

## New Term dates adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire

New term and holiday dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 have been adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire. There are not many changes but you will notice that the October half term for Wirral is now the same as the other two Local Authorities. They are attached for you and **the Wirral website has now been updated** to reflect this. [www.wirral.gov.uk/termdates](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/termdates)

There is an **additional day's holiday** for schools next year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. School will now finish on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Thank you for your continued support,

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