



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,

The Summer term is always a busy term. So far, we have held three of our four sports days, mostly in glorious weather, children in Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 have completed National Tests, children across the school have looked after the school garden and we have celebrated the Queens 70th Platinum Jubilee. As always during the summer we remind the children to drink more, put sun cream on before school (where possible) and to wear a hat. Earlier this week, we also welcomed the new parents for our reception starters for September 2022. For some parents this was a new experience and for other parents this was the start of a journey for a younger child. It was lovely to meet in person, although we continue to limit numbers in our hall due to Covid precautions. As an aside, two parents came and thanked me for the work that the school did during the pandemic and this was warmly appreciated and received.

The Travelling Suitcase

At St Bridget's we strive to ensure that all children and parents feel welcome, safe and secure. We have enjoyed learning about refugees, asylum seekers and gender equality and we look forward to continuing our learning across our topics. We have supported both refugees and asylum seekers through listening to their stories and making donations of resources and funds. We are now working with Heart4Refugees on a project called 'The Travelling Suitcase' and other schools are participating in this. The children have worked together to design and create a handkerchief, which will be placed into the suitcase and begin its journey around the other schools. Once the suitcase has been to all of the schools the work will be celebrated and displayed at the Heart4Refugees based in Rock Ferry. We are very excited to be able to share our work with others and to take part in such a special project.

Sal's Shoes

We hope that you are already stockpiling any of your old shoes in readiness for our collection on **Wednesday 20th July**, our last day of school. These don't have to just be children's shoes; adult shoes are needed too. On **Monday, 27th June** the children will share in a wonderful assembly explaining the work of Sal's Shoes and what will happen to their shoes once they drop them off in our school hall on the last day of term. Next **Thursday, 30th June**, we will be having a **non-uniform day** in order to raise funds to cover the transportation costs of moving the shoes to their destination. **Details of how to pay will be emailed next week.** The Toe-to-Toe charity suggests a £1 per pair of shoes. Please feel free to make a donation reflecting how many pairs of shoes you may wish to donate. A huge thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this vital initiative and how it reflects our School Mission Statement of Love Your Neighbour as Yourself.

Reports – Friday 24th June

Reports are due out on Friday 24th June. The reports contain information about achievement, attendance and some of your child's feedback. There will be an opportunity to look at their books on Tuesday 11th July between 3.30pm to 4.30pm in your child's class.

Guide to scores for Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning in Year 3 and Year 5

- The verbal and non-verbal reasoning scores are age standardised scores that have a range of 70-130.
- A score of 118+ is indicative of an above average age-standardised score
- A score of 100-117 is indicative of an average age-standardised score
- A score of below 100 is indicative of a below average age-standardised scores

Whole School Photograph – Friday 1st July

This is always a special occasion where we try to capture the whole school on a single photo, which is never easy with over 430 pupils and over 60 staff. We have not been able to have this for the last few years because of the pandemic and it will be exciting to start this tradition once again. Generally, we aim to take this photo every two years and it is always interesting spotting the changes. With luck, the photo will be available to order shortly before the end of term.

Water Safety - Information from the Royal Life Saving Society [Link \(video\)](#)

Drowning is preventable, yet over 400 lives are lost to drowning across the UK and Ireland, every year. Water safety education is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water. We believe that water safety information should be accessible to all. In an ideal world, every child would learn to swim. However, as this is not the case, our resources can be delivered in the classroom or at home, which means while there may be barriers to accessing water, every child can still benefit from water safety education. Our water safety resources encourage a safe relationship with the water. We also hope it will inspire children to have a future relationship with water, with all the mental and physical benefits that being in, on and around water brings. Follow the [Link](#) to our free water safety resources for use in schools, in a community setting and at home.

The Wirral FUSS & FUPS team – donate old/nearly new uniform

At the front of school we have a uniform collection point. Please bring and donate any uniform. The cost of living for some families is challenging and many appreciate being able to use nearly new uniform again. In the last ten years, Wirral FUSS have given away over 50,000 items of uniforms to 12,750 Wirral families and saved an epic 26 Tonnes from going to landfill!

St. Bridget's Buddies Summer club – Unfortunately, there has been a low take up for the Summer child care provision and we will not be running this service during the summer

Thursday 21st July - Additional holiday (1 day) for Queens Diamond Jubilee

Thank you for your ongoing support,

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