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Together Everybody Achieves More

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that the New Year has started well for you and your family. Last week, in our first assembly of the year, we reflected on all the good things about 2013 and we looked forward to 2014. We also discussed some of the things we might develop over the year. The New Year is always a good time to start thinking about positive changes. During conversation many of the children came up with important life skills such as improving their swimming, helping out with chores at home as well as improving aspects of their work in school. As always these improvements require the help of parents. The staff at St. Bridget's look forward to working in partnership with you again this year.

This half term our topic for assembly is compassion. Some of the questions we will ask the children to consider are:

- How do we show kindness and respect to each other?
- How do we foster links with charities for those in need?
- How are new members to our school supported?
- How do we empathise and support each other during difficult times?

Year 6 Trip to Robinwood Residential

Year 6 travelled to Todmorden which is just outside Rochdale for a 3 day residential trip. This was the first time we had used this centre and the trip was a great success. The children experienced an enormous range of activities. They climbed, explored caves, problem solved, canoed, completed assault courses and many more. Two of the best activities seemed to be the Dungeon of Doom and the Piranha Pool! The children learnt many skills and certainly benefited from many of the positive team building experiences. My thanks to all the staff who travelled with the children and the children who made the trip so successful and enjoyable. We have posted pictures on the website of some of the children and the activities they enjoyed. Please have a look.

Multi-Cultural Week

Next week we are celebrating Multi-cultural week. The week promises to be exciting, fun and thought provoking with a number of activities including belly-dancing! A detailed email about this week has recently been sent.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Once again we are collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers. We do this every year and are often successful in collecting enough vouchers to buy useful PE equipment. In merit assembly, Miss Bowler reminded us all about the importance of healthy lifestyles and asked the children to remind any family member who shops at Sainsbury's to collect the vouchers.

Polite reminders

Dogs

I ask that dogs (except guide dogs) are not brought onto the school grounds (even if carried) and when they are tied up by the school gate they are attended. With 420 children and numerous adults walking past they can get excitable and on occasions this can cause concern.















New phone numbers and emails

This is just a quick reminder that if you were lucky enough to receive an upgrade for your mobile phone over Christmas and your contact details have changed, please let us know as soon as possible.

School Meal Prices

School meal prices have increased by 5p. Information about the new prices is on the website.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Neil Le Feuvre













