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Dear Parents/Carers,

As this is the first newsletter of 2020, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. This term's theme for the curriculum is Our Community. In the first part of this term we will cover the topic of Social Justice. Our children will be using their empathy and compassion to consider how we can understand and help those who find themselves in desperate situations and raise awareness to our community. This topic gives us a real opportunity to explore our school Mission Statement of "Love Your Neighbour as Yourself". More detailed information will be provided on the website shortly for each year group, including the books we use and our approach.

During this term we have started to introduce and discuss with the children our new three school rules of **Respect, be Safe and be Ready**. All school staff are now using these to support our children to be safe in and out of school, respectful in all situations and ready to learn. In assembly this week we discussed how we can show respect by saying thank you not only in conversation but in letters, emails and texts.

Parents evenings information

With the exception of year 5, Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February for all other year groups. Parents Evening will take place for year 5 after half term on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th February.

Online sign up will go live this Thursday, 30th January. Parents will then be able to choose one slot per child to see their Teacher. The online sign up account is through the E-schools login. Log-in details were sent out in October when Parents Evening last took place. If you do not have your password, please use the forgot password option before ringing the school office.

Chess

Chess at St. Bridget's continues to thrive thanks to our specialist chess teacher Mr Carr who teaches all year three children, as well as developing some of the more experienced players in an after school club. At a recent competition, the Under 11's came fifth. The Under 9's A team came in second place with 19 1/2 points, narrowly missing out on first place, by half a point. The under 9's B team came in fifth and the C team came in ninth place. The C team only had year 3 children in and unfortunately they played our A team in the first round.

Cyber Awareness - Safer Internet Day Videos

Safer Internet Day is just two weeks away on Tuesday 11th February 2020. The UK Safer Internet Centre have released a series of films including "How can parents talk to children about their online lives?" See below for the link. The videos are also available with British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation.

The films can be here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/sid-films>

Just in case you have missed it I have also put a useful poster and link with information about some of the Apps that children use or have access to. [Link to safer internet poster for Apps](#)

Free Swimming for Pupil Premium

All pupils in Wirral schools who are allocated Pupil Premium are entitled to free swimming at any of the Wirral Council pools during school holidays. To take advantage of this parents should take proof of this along to any of the pools and set up a free membership for their child.

Inset Days

Please find below the INSET dates for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

These are also on the school website at: https://st-bridgets.eschools.co.uk/website/term_dates_1/216468

INSET DAYS for the 2020 - 2021 school year (*School Closed to Pupils*)

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 7th June 2021

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Bank holiday change due to VE day celebrations anniversary

May Bank Holiday to Friday 8th May.

Upton Hall School are providing an Activities Camp during the February Half Term break from Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020. The cost of the Activities Camp is £20 per day or £80 for a whole week booking and will take place between 8.30am and 4.00pm. The camp is open to all children aged 7 and over.

For further details, please see our school website.

<https://www.uptonhallschool.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=424>

POLITE REMINDERS

Emergency Medication

If your child requires emergency medication to be held in school, could we please ask you to ensure that the medication is replaced when it has expired. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the admin team.

Student Illness

If a child has been absent from school due to vomiting etc., could we please ask parents to ensure that they are symptom free for 48 hours prior to coming back into school.

Communication with School

At St. Bridget's CE Primary School, we are committed to treating everybody with respect and courtesy, and to giving you a polite and effective response should you contact us. Our staff also have the right to work in a safe environment, free from verbal abuse and other intimidating behaviour directed at them. We will take effective measures to support any employee who is subject to any inappropriate behaviour. We therefore ask that parents respond to this by showing polite, respectful behaviour when in contact with our staff either in person, in written correspondence or via a telephone conversation. Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding

If parents have an urgent safeguarding concern outside of school hours they should call the Local Safeguarding Board Central Advice and Duty Team on the following numbers:

- Monday to Friday 9-5pm 606 2008
- Outside of these hours 677 6557
- In an emergency please call 999

Yours sincerely,

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