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"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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Dear Parents/Carers,

E-safety – important update for our children

This week we have talked to pupils across the school about e-safety. Children in KS2 are well-informed and knowledgeable about the challenges of using the internet safely. They knew the reasons and could explain why they would not share personal information across the internet. They knew what to do if they received something that worried them and they talked about how to fact-check information they read about. This is important because many of them have multiple devices. I would ask that parents still routinely talk to their children about internet safety as it is easy to forget about. Lower down in the school, particularly in Year 1 and 2, children do have access to the internet. Many use safe apps but there were a large percentage of children accessing YouTube. YouTube's age rating is 13 with parental permission and I am just bringing this to your attention that YouTube has features such as auto-play and adverts that can take your child to less welcome videos. Once again it would be worth discussing how to use apps safely and take time to check parental settings. We take the challenges of e-safety equally seriously in school.

School Council

The School Council continues to be busy and they have started to plan for an event with Reverend Alex for Sunday 20th March which will link up school and church - more detail to follow soon. We have continued to explore how Meat Free Mondays can reduce environmental damage and one of the School Council shared a website, <https://meatfreemondays.com/> which has an impact calculator. We used this in our assembly to make the point that even as a school we can make a difference.

Covid update

We have recorded 22 children with Covid this week. We continue to have some staff off with Covid as well. I am pleased to say that they are all recovering well and will return to school after their isolation. We are making every effort to keep returning the school to normal, but where we have staffing gaps we will occasionally need to cancel/amend arrangements. I know this is obvious but it is still important to share.

Parental Feedback

Our (socially distanced) maths workshops have been well attended and thank you for all of the positive feedback. Later on in the year we will hold them again where we will address specific areas of maths.

School Improvement Planning

As Covid restrictions start to reduce we can now start to realise our School Improvement Plans more fully. Later on in the school year I will invite feedback from parents to reflect on our priorities and shape them for 2022-23. Our priorities for this year are as follows:



Quality of Education

Key Priority 1.1: Develop a coaching model across the school to support Mathematics teaching and learning through the use of a specialist accredited teacher and teacher research groups.

Key Priority 1.2: All staff will be working towards mastery levels of teaching GPAS and Writing through in-house training, coaching and Teacher Research Groups.

Key Priority 1.3: To implement a 'recovery curriculum' and strategically utilise the 'catch up' funding to target the gaps in pupils' learning because of school's partial closure due to COVID-19.

Behaviour and attitudes

Key Priority 2: Embedding of values and RRSA ethos into our St Bridget's curriculum by utilising online records to evidence this and re-establishing (Post-Covid) our school council to develop RRSA and Eco-friendly values across school.

Personal development

Key Priority 3: Review the St Bridget's curriculum across the school for impact on teaching/learning experiences and progression.

Leadership and management

Key Priority 4: Monitor and review the St Bridget's curriculum across the school for impact on teaching/learning experiences and progression.

Effectiveness of the early years provision

Key Priority 5: To develop and implement the new EYFS curriculum from September.

Polite reminders – Please read carefully

Safety at the end of the day

The playground is very busy at the end of the day and my staff continually notice young children playing on the equipment and sometimes with little supervision. While the equipment is tempting for children to play on it is only to be used in school time with teacher supervision. In this way we are able to avoid accidents or any serious incidents.

Dog fouling and mess – Unfortunately, a number of parents and children have raised the issue of dog excrement around school. This does present a real challenge for our brilliant caretaker Mr Wilkins and a significant threat to health and safety in the school.

Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. We have a number of children who are nervous of dogs and when the school is busy I am sure that this is never a good environment for a dog.

Car Parking – This continues to be a problem that is reported weekly. I ask that where possible you walk to school and if that is not possible, park further away from school to avoid the congestion on Church Road and other surrounding roads.

Thank you for your continued support,

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