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Dear Parents,

Christmas is fast approaching and I look forward to welcoming you to our assemblies and services next week (all the information about the services is on the school website). Last week the children held a toy service in church. All of the toys that you generously donated were given to the Charles Thompson Mission. I have already received a note of thanks from them as they were overwhelmed by our response. It was also great to see a large number of families attend the Christingle service last Friday.

## **The Christmas Fair**

This year's fair was a huge success. Although I have no definite figures I am told that over one thousand children and adults came through the doors. Thank you all for your wonderful support. I would like to thank all parents who helped on the day, especially members of the PA who shouldered a number of jobs and tasks that helped the fair to run so smoothly. In particular a big thanks to Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Dunlop, and Mr Janiszewski. This year we also enjoyed fantastic support from members of the parish as well as the use of the Community Centre. This certainly helped to reduce the crush due to sheer numbers that we sometimes have in school. The Grotto, to see Father Christmas, was fantastic and very popular. I know the queue was very long and we have already discussed plans to shorten this for next year. Some of you may also have taken the opportunity to have a look at the wonderful Charles Dawson Brown Museum, this provides a number of links to local history which we will be using to develop our curriculum for September 2014.

## **Christmas Disco**

This Friday is the PA Christmas disco, which runs from 3.30pm- 4.30pm for the infants and from 6.00pm-7.30pm for the juniors. Children in the infants (Rec-Year2) are welcome to come dressed in non-uniform on this day, so they are ready to party as soon as school finishes. Children in the juniors will wear school uniform as normal as they have time to go home and get changed before their disco.

## **Toy Day**

The last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, is Toy Day. Children are invited to bring in a toy or game (no electronics please) to play with a friend or friends on this day. It is always helpful if the toy is named or in a named bag.

## **The Philippines Appeal**

"If the world is out there, send help." This was the impassioned plea of one survivor of the Typhoon – the strongest storm to ever hit land anywhere in the world. Our children have played their part in helping raise money for the appeal. It was great to see all the colours of the Philippine Flag being worn to show our support. I keep on hearing wonderful stories of individual efforts, such as Findlay in Year 2 who gave the contents of his money box for the

appeal and from Year 6 who have collectively raised £138 throughout the week! As a school we have raised just over £600. Many thanks for your wonderful support.

### **Coffee Morning with Year 4**

Every Wednesday Mr Brown (our Deputy Head) goes for coffee! Well, it's not quite that simple, he actually takes up some of the year 4 children to the Community Centre to help with the coffee morning. As well as working hard in school, children at St. Bridget's have a number of opportunities to develop important life skills, such as care and consideration for others. Children in the upper school can become prefects, help in the school council, organise games with younger children at lunch times and support younger children during assembly as well as in class. They really enjoy these experiences and gain a number of important skills.

### **Curriculum Evening**

Thank you to all the parents who turned up in large numbers to the recent curriculum evenings. We have had lots of very positive feedback with a number of parents enjoying the more informal delivery in which they were able to discuss aspects of learning with the class teacher.

### **E-safety Meeting**

Thank you to the parents who turned up to the E-safety meeting. We run this meeting twice a year to give updates on e-safety advice. Technology continues to develop quickly and our information needs to be regularly reviewed in order to keep children safe at school. As responsible parents it is vital you remain informed on such developments. If your child uses a computer or any device that can access the internet at home I would urge you to look at the information on the school website. Talking to your child about how they access the internet and what content they are viewing are important first steps. The nature of portable devices has changed the ease of access for children. As such helping them be more informed and able to discuss things with you as parents has become even more important than ever. Please use the link to access e-safety advice.

<http://www.stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk/site/21186-school-office/section-13988-school-office/page-68575-e-safety>

### **Email details and contact**

We continue to have good feedback using our email system but we have had reports of some parents not receiving emails. Recently we have checked all the email addresses we have in school for mistakes or updates. Hopefully this has resolved any problems. If you are not receiving messages (you may be reading this on the website) and wish to do so, please let us know. I would also ask you to check your spam box in case your messages are being directed there.

### **Christmas Holiday**

We break up for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at **3pm** and return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** 2014. I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support,

Neil Le Feuvre