



# *St Bridget's C of E Primary School*

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**Together Everyone Achieves More**

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Dear Parents,

This week in merit assembly we celebrated a number of special achievements. It is amazing to hear some of our children are doing so well in Athletics and reaching national and international recognition! We also thanked all the children who came to school in their own clothes and brought in gifts, chocolate and many other items for our school fair. This year our school fair promises to be a fantastic event. My thanks to all of those parents that have committed so much time and effort to ensure we have a wonderful Christmas Fair. This year entrance to the fair will be via the Community Centre. By all accounts it promises to be a wonderful event. If you are able to offer any help on the day and in the week before please contact a member of the Parents Association or email the school office. Above all the school fair needs customers and I look forward to welcoming all of you on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

## **Support for the Philippines**

Last week Evan Collins (Year 4) asked me if we could support the relief work in the Philippines. To be honest we were already thinking of what we could do but he was so keen to help the relief work he gave his birthday money to the cause. This fantastic effort was shared on twitter and in no time Evan's mum was receiving thanks from all over the world for Evan's selfless gift. Today in assembly we celebrated this and we have asked all the children to support this cause. I am sure you have seen the utter devastation widely reported on television. In assembly we shared appropriate news footage from Newsround so that the children were able to understand the difficulties now facing the people living in the Philippines. This Friday (**22<sup>nd</sup> November**) we are asking that all children dress up in the colours of the Philippines National Flag (red, blue, white and yellow) and bring in a £1 donation. I have challenged the children to all bring in a pound which would raise £420. I am informed that this would be enough to build one new house in some of the most devastated parts of the country.

## **Christmas Boxes**

Thank you to all of the children and families who helped to fill a Christmas shoebox. I am pleased to report that nearly 200 were collected and that they are now on their way to Eastern Europe. My thanks to all of you who have supported the initiative this year. I always tell the children that their boxes carry the spirit of Christmas and will be gratefully received by some very appreciative children.

## **Wirral School Games Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics results**

1st	St Bridget's	638
2nd	Poulton Lancelyn	626
3rd	St Peter's (Heswall)	568

Congratulations to St Bridget's, Poulton Lancelyn and St Peter's (Heswall) who have now qualified for the Merseyside County Final to represent Wirral in Spring 2014. Further details will be sent out as soon as they become available. My thanks to all the parents who supported the event and to Miss Bowler whose expert guidance has helped us become Wirral Champions for the last three years.

### **St. Martin's Day Peace Parade**

This half term year 4 have helped to celebrate the St. Martin's Day Peace Parade in West Kirby. The children have helped to spread a message of peace, kindness and sharing in a response to Remembrance Day. With the help of a local artist they made lanterns which they took to the parade on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm. My thanks to Miss Smith who has supported the event, liaised with local artists and shared the important message with all the children in school. As part of the Remembrance Day year 4 sold poppies in the previous weeks and the entire school assembled in the hall for a two minutes silence. To help some of the younger children focus we showed the Remembrance Day Service held in the Albert Hall. All of the children showed great respect and acted sensibly throughout.

### **Blue Peter Badge**

Well done to Ben Knight who has received a Blue Peter badge for Sports Involvement.

### **Catering Menu**

Mr Lloyd our Catering Manager has introduced new menus for this term. They can be found on the news section of the website. Mr Lloyd and his staff work hard to provide a well-balanced popular menu for the children whilst still complying with the government regulations and recommendations. He constantly reminds me that the kitchen staff use only the best ingredients and vegetables and that he does not use any colourings, additives or nuts.

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December in the school hall. More details to follow.

### **Reminders**

#### **Head Lice**

I have been informed by some parents that their child has caught head lice. When this is reported we normally send out a letter asking parents to check their child's hair. I have contacted the school nurse for advice who has reiterated that it is the parent's responsibility to ensure your child's hair is checked and treated as necessary. For any persistent cases of head lice or if you need further advice, leaflets are available from the school office.

#### **Uniform**

I always encourage the children to wear their uniform with pride. As we are now entering into the coldest part of the year I would ask that children wear winter uniform which is a shirt and tie. Children in reception are allowed to continue to wear the St. Bridget's t-shirt.

### **Communication**

One of the changes this year has been the increased use of email to inform you about events as well as publishing these on our website. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving email or if you have a preferred email address.

Thank you your continued support,

Neil Le Feuvre