



# St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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*"Love your neighbour as yourself."*

*Luke 10:27*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## This Week

Yesterday Year Five led our service for the beginning of Lent. They sang and read beautifully. They gave us a powerful message about our shared responsibility for climate change and encouraged us all to play our part no matter how small. In school, our eco monitors have put up posters and regularly check that lights are off and that doors are shut to conserve heat. Recent school electricity bills have been lower.

Today children have enjoyed Mad Hair Day to raise money for our PTA. We have seen many different coloured hair hairstyles with some imaginative attachments. Thank you for your support and creativity.

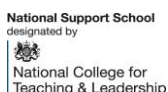
## Attendance and punctuality

As a school we keep a careful track of attendance and punctuality. I am pleased to say that both attendance and punctuality are good in the school and this always supports children to have a good start to the day. Thank you for your support on this matter. It seems that school was particularly affected during the November and December with lots of illness and hopefully this is now behind us all.

## ICT Safety update

Recently, we completed a pupil voice with children across the school. In particular, we discussed e-safety with them. Many of their answers mentioned that they learn or talk about E-safety in school as well as home. Our findings in school compared favourably with a recent National Survey which suggested that "Only **49% of parents talk to their child about online safety** on either a weekly or monthly basis".

Schools continue to face growing challenges around the risks associated with pupils accessing social media and gaming sites. These concerns are not limited to cyber-bullying and can include loss of private or personal data, grooming, radicalisation and hate speech. The NSPCC says that between April and September 2022, the number of counselling sessions delivered by Childline about online grooming have increased by 35% compared to the previous year.



**As a school** our computer system is professionally filtered, monitored and regularly checked. We incorporate online safety throughout our curriculum and promote children's safe use of the internet constantly. **As a parent** having a regular conversation and taking an interest in your child's online use and learning is essential.

### Polite reminders

- Car parking and drop off – Please can I remind you that it is really helpful if we can use Ludlow Lane as a one way. Please see this [link](#).
- Please park with due consideration to neighbours and children's safety around school. I have spoken to a neighbour recently who was concerned for children's safety after seeing some interesting (hazardous) parking and a U-turn on a local road. I know the vast majority of our parent's park safely and I would encourage us all to take extra care in the mornings and at the end of the day.

### PTA News - New PTA Logo Competition

The school PTA needs a new LOGO and we are looking for one of the children to design it! If your child is feeling creative, we would love to see their designs.

Suggested ideas are:

- Your school, family and community
- Things in your school and learning environment that you like
- A picture showing working together and helping each other
- Something else of your choosing

Please can your child bring their design into school by **Friday 3rd March** at the latest.

A £1 donation should be made online to enter the competition using the link below.

<https://st-bridgets-parents-association.sumupstore.com/>

The entry can be on any type of paper, but please no bigger than A4.

Please make sure the child's name and class are on the top or back of the design.

There will be prizes awarded for the winners and runners up for Infants and Juniors.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Neil Le Feuvre*

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