



# 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/Carers,

At the end of week four it has been great to see school in full flight. The children have settled into new routines and their learning through our curriculum is taking shape. From phonics and early reading in reception all the way through to year 6, I have enjoyed seeing children engaged and enthusiastic about their reading. This is due to your support, our new reading areas in each class and the children themselves just enjoying reading for pleasure. As you know reading each day with your child has a significant impact on their learning and understanding of the world.

## **New Term dates adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire**

New term and holiday dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 have been adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire. There are not many changes but you will notice that the October half term for Wirral is now the same as the other two Local Authorities. They are attached for you and **the Wirral website has now been updated** to reflect this. [www.wirral.gov.uk/termdates](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/termdates)

## **Curriculum Evening**

At the beginning of October we will upload the updated information for our Curriculum for each year group. Unfortunately, we are still not in a position to invite you all into school and this will have to remain an online information sharing event.

## **Parents Evening (week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October)**

We will again be using school cloud to meet online. These meetings will be short pastoral meetings which will give you an update as to how your child has begun the new school year. We realise these meetings are short and most of the feedback to school suggests that they have been effective. Where parents identify the need for extra time to discuss matters with the class teacher please contact us before these meetings so we can address issues promptly. The week before we will send you the links to sign up.

## **Covid update**

Cases of Covid remain low in St. Bridget's and I thank you all for your support in helping to reduce infection. We follow National Guidance which asks all children and family members to get a PCR test should they have symptoms.

## **Carparking**

I have received a message from a local resident to "urge the parents to park safely when dropping or collecting their children again and give consideration to other parents and residents."



## Safeguarding

Each year all staff receive safeguarding training in school and the designated safeguarding leads Mr Neal, Mrs Ross and myself receive additional regular training. In September the DFE updated their Keeping Children Safe in Education Document ([Link To KCSIE](#)) which informs all safeguarding updates. It reminds us all that we have an important role to play in safeguarding children. Online safety is a particular challenge especially for our older children but also to any child who has online access and the ability to search. Below is a recent update from Wirral about an app causing concern.

## Safeguarding alert

On behalf of the Wirral Contextual Safeguarding and Compass teams we would like to alert you about the **Yubo App**. Previously known as Yellow, the Yubo app is extremely popular among teens. It mimics adult social media and dating apps like Tinder. It has been referred to by social media commentators as being a dating app for teens and as such there is scope for such a platform to be misused. Wirral's Contextual and Compass teams have seen a recent increase in children and young people using this app. This has resulted in some of our young people going to meet other peers through the app, potentially placing themselves at great risk of harm and abuse.

Further information about Online Safety is available on the WSCP website:

For children and young people – <https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/online-safety-2/>

For parents and carers - <https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/online-safety-guidance-parents/>

## Key dates (Please check)

### Inset Days 2021-22

- Friday 22nd October 2021
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Friday 27th May 2022

There is an **additional day's holiday** for schools next year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. School will now finish on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Thank you for your continued support,

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