



# 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,

The first couple of weeks have gone well in school. The children did extremely well in spite of the hot conditions last week and today we held our first merit assembly since the pandemic. Members of Year Six have noticed the school garden has really benefited from the hot weather and we have grown some fantastic fruit and vegetables. It has been lovely to see that the children are all extremely smart and very proud of their uniforms. Our school technology provided some back-to-school challenges over our first few days back but thankfully by last Friday we were fully functioning and programmes like Times Tables Rock-stars have been updated – thank you for your patience when helping your children access these systems.

## Staffing

We welcome Mr Alec Baines as our new caretaker who has seamlessly taken the reins since we returned to school. Also, we say a belated goodbye to Miss Roberts who has accepted a job working with the police.

## Healthy Snacks

Children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to bring in a healthy snack to have at morning break. Please note that this should be a piece of fruit or vegetable and not cakes or crisps.

## PE Gold Award

St. Bridget's prides itself on involvement with all types of sports both in the curriculum and in extracurricular activities. We are pleased to be recognised with the PE Gold Award for our on-going commitment to supporting fit, active and healthy children. In particular I would like to thank Mrs Ashton, Mr Owen, Mr Green and Mr Conroy who regularly give extra time to support sport in and out of school.

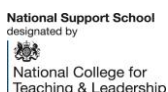
**Earth-fest Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am-4pm [Link to Earthfest](#)**

## House Captains

Each year the children elect captains for each team from our Year 6. It was a pleasure to listen to so many Year 6 children who were keen on representing their houses speak so passionately to the rest of the school. Congratulations to the children elected and well done to everyone who applied.

## Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.



As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Mr Le Feuvre/Mr Neal) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

### School Data [Link](#)

Each year the school takes part in the National Tests which include children from EYFS to Year 6. I have attached the link for this the provisional data for this year which shows that we continue to maintain high standards across the school which are well above the National Averages in all areas.

### End of School Timings – this week

Starting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September we will be implementing new pick-up times across school. This is to ensure we meet the government guidance regarding the length of the school day.

- Reception children will be collected from the side of school, where they are dropped off, at 3:25pm.
- School will finish for all other year groups at 3.30pm

Just a reminder that school is open to children at 8:45am and the register is taken at 9am.

**Vacancies in school for September** - Please contact the school office if you would like any further information. All roles are subject to an **enhanced DBS check** and may suit someone who is looking for a part time job.

- **Midday Assistant Vacancy** - We have some vacancies for Midday Supervisors (10 hours a week). This role involves supporting children at lunchtimes inside and outside.

### 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](#).
- I have been contacted by concerned parents about some poor parking in the local area. Please park with consideration of children and our neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support,

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