



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 half term has gone very quickly and we have been busy. This week the children have enjoyed celebrating Harvest Festival with all of our gifts being sent to the local foodbank. In assembly we thought about who uses and needs a foodbank. Last year nearly 3 million people used a foodbank. We have also enjoyed the School Book Fair and we have really appreciated the additional help from lots of parents to ensure that all of the children have made a Christmas card ready to be printed for Christmas.

Looking back, it is good to see how much we have started and enjoyed. The extra-curricular clubs have provided opportunities for tennis, archery, fencing, chess, handball and dance. Children in Key Stage Two have represented the school for cross country, football and netball with great success. We even won a "highly commended" at the Wirral Sports Awards for the St B's girls junior cross-country team achievements last school year. There have been trips to Barstonsdale, Western Approaches, the local area and Year Four continue to support the Link Café every Wednesday. We have even had a lockdown practice, something in the past I would never have dreamt we needed, but we take the safety of your children very seriously and they now know how to act.

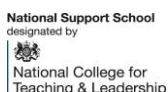
Parking around School - concerns

This continues to be a challenge. I am contacted on a weekly and sometimes daily basis about poor parking in the local area from both local residents and concerned parents. There is a genuine concern that some parking and driving is not safe or helpful for children travelling to school. I would ask that where possible parents park further from school or use local car parks and walk the remainder of the way. I appreciate the roads in the local area are not built for the volume of traffic we need, but this is not going to change and I would ask that everyone acts responsibly for the safety of all children and our local community.

Communication with school

Sometimes it is easy to assume that everyone knows how we communicate with parents at school. There are a number of ways that this can be done. In the first instance, each year group has an email to contact teachers directly. Teachers are always on the playground at the end of the day to speak about minor issues and we can always arrange additional time for other issues. In an emergency always ring the school office.

As a school we hold curriculum evenings for parents and have further workshops planned during the year for maths and literacy. We shared the curriculum information for parents on our website ([Curriculum Evening Link](#)). Our website contains lots of key information about our [curriculum](#) and approach to



learning. Our website has a new link to X (formerly Twitter) which shows pictures of the school and children in action.

Parent's Evenings

During the year we will have two parent evenings and an open evening where parents can look at children's work. Currently, we are keeping parents evening online. Some parents prefer online meetings and some don't. However, there are two advantages for school. Firstly, no one runs over time, which can be extremely frustrating for parents who have more than one child in the school. Secondly, it helps with staff well-being. Over the last few weeks a number of staff have been unwell with respiratory infections which has been similar challenge for schools across Wirral. We have learnt that online meetings help reduce further infection across the school and help us to maintain better staffing levels across the school.

Keeping update to date with school

During the year we do our best to help you keep up to date with events and learning that goes on in school. We do this through posting information on our website. Most recently we have posted e-safety information about [Whatsapp](#) and an update of the [School Priorities](#).

Staffing

- One of our office staff, Mrs. Singleton, who has worked at St. Bridget's for nine years is relocating. She will be missed and we wish her every success in her new school.
- We have also welcomed Mrs Mazur, Mrs Pastor and Miss Thomas to work as part of the midday assistant team. We also welcome Mrs. Stewart who is working with our catering team.

Saint Bridget's Educational Trust

The Saint Bridget's Educational Trust exists to financially support young people who have been or are currently students at St Bridget's school. We are able to support anything which enables children to have a broad education including extra-curricular activities as well as help with essentials such as uniform or equipment. You can make an application via email to rectorwestkirby@gmail.com or by using the link on the school website <https://www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk/educational-trust/>

Dates for next half term – all of these will be added to the school calendar on the website

- St Bridget's PTA would like to invite all **new parents and carers** (Reception and other years) to our annual "Welcome Evening" at The Wro Loft on Wed 1st Nov from 7:30pm.

Mastering Number workshops for parents (school hall)

- Year 2 parents Thursday 23rd November 9-9.30 a.m.
- Year 1 parents Thursday 23rd November 3.30-4 p.m.

Christmas Discos

Tuesday 12th December

- KS1 2.30 - 3.15pm (normal pickup time)
- KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm (later pick up time)

Thank you for your continued support,

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