

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,

In a recent assembly we thought about scientists as part of "International Day of Girls and Women in Science." The message was that girls can be scientists as well as boys and to reduce any limiting beliefs. Only yesterday I was stopped by a Year One child who told me she was going to be a scientist. She shared all of the facts that she knew about the Moon and Sun. It was great to hear and listen to. As part of our curriculum, we also think about Social Justice. We do this in a planned way and we also address this when issues occur either locally or from further afield. This newsletter raises two local issues that need all of our community to work together.

# Love Thy Neighbour – please help us to set a good example to our children – a message from David Pastor, Chair of Governors

You'll know that our school mission is to "Love Thy Neighbour". In our Governor's meeting this week we discussed what this means in practice, which included feedback from our School Council:

**Parking** – Our Governors and children feel passionately that we should show love for our neighbours, and each other, by parking legally and respectfully around school. This means walking to school whenever possible; parking on Church Road, Hickory's or The Ring O Bells; and NOT parking over drives, double yellow lines, grass verges or the junction of Church Lane and Ludlow Drive. In the last week I have personally observed this behaviour, including one car left with the engine running on double yellow lines. This is antisocial and illegal. Thank you to the 99% of parents and carers who make the effort to do the right thing. We have asked our School Council what more we can do.

**Dogs** – Remember that not everyone loves dogs. Some of our children are scared of them, and it's important that we as adults do our best to see the world through their eyes. We can make our children's journey in and out of school calmer by not leaving dogs unattended, and certainly not tying them up at the school or church gates. They must be with their owner at all times and cannot come onto the school grounds.

Thank you for helping us to live our school mission.



## Message from the School Council

We are writing to you to tell you that the parking around school in the mornings and at the end of the day is not always safe, legal and respectful.

• Children are finding it difficult to cross some of the roads around school safely because of inconsiderate parking.

• The roads around school are marked with double yellow lines as well as zig zags – it is illegal to park on these markings.

• Our school mission is to 'love our neighbour' – some of your parking has been disrespectful and does not help us live our mission.

Thank you for reading our message, we really hope you listen to us and help us improve the safety around school.

# **Ring O'Bells**

The manager at the Ring O' Bells has agreed (similar to the agreement with Hickories) that our parents can use the car park for short periods of time at the beginning and end of the school day to drop off and collect children as needed.

#### Recent updates on our website

- In the News section we have a recent letter from the school minister congratulating us on our phonics scores - <u>link</u>. I have previously shared our school data and would like to add that nearly all of our academic results are seen as exceptional and are in the top centiles nationally - <u>Link</u>.
- In the **News** section there is recent information about Measles, Fostering and ideas for World Book Day.
- In the Our School section (first drop-down menu) we have included all aspects of information about safeguarding. This was on our website previously but we have now made this easier to find. This includes policies and information for: Child/Safeguarding, Prevent, Child on child abuse, Mental Health and Well Being, E-safety, Operation Encompass.

# Chess Updates

Chess continues to thrive at St. Bridget's. In the Wirral School League, we run two teams which currently lie first and second positions. I have also been informed (but am not surprised) that several of our children have made the county team.

# Inset Days 2024-25

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Thank you for your continued support,

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