

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,

Our children have made a wonderful start to the new year in school, with two weeks seemingly flying by! Some examples of the busy but wonderful work going on include: Year 1 children dissecting plants yesterday in Science; Year 6 starting to use our micro:bits in Computing; Year 5 visiting the local library to celebrate our love of reading. I also visited our latest after school offering, an Art Club in Upper KS2, in which the children were very enthusiastic and grateful to have the chance to develop further as artists.

Poor Weather Arrangements

The freezing temperatures have brought the usual challenges in terms of travelling to and from school and I would like to thank you all for making sure our children are in school and suitably dressed for the cold. We always try to get some fresh air during the school day so warm coats are vital, as are suitable footwear for icy conditions. Please label all clothing as this helps us identify what belongs to who when items get misplaced.

Just to confirm, any communications with regards to poor weather will <u>always be posted on the</u> <u>school website and email</u> so if you are ever unsure, if school is open, please check these first.

Attendance

The LA Attendance Officer and I continue to meet regularly to demonstrate school is doing everything it can to prioritise the attendance of all children. Nationally attendance has become a major issue for schools and is now a national education priority. I have welcomed communication with parents in instances where attendance levels have fallen or are low.

Attendance is reviewed by the school leadership team weekly and should your child have low or decreasing attendance, we will contact you to address this. School greatly appreciates your support in this matter as we work together for the children in our care.

Lunchtimes

During assembly I talked to the children about correct lunchtime etiquette inside the dining hall as our high standards had slipped towards the end of last term. The children were keen to share what



would improve their own dining experience and identified what behaviours would best achieve this. Since then, lunch time has been much calmer and the children have reported enjoying it more.

Charity Thanks -St. Bridget's Church

Reverend Alex shared a thank you with the children in Collective Worship this week, celebrating the fact school has helped raise £1711.14 to support Ripple Effect's work in rural Africa. Well done everyone!

PTA news

Our PTA Fundraising Family Ceilidh is approaching soon! We want to extend a final invitation to ensure you and your family don't miss out on this exciting evening on Saturday 27th January.

Feel free to invite friends and family to join as well.

Our event promises a great evening for both children and adults. There'll be a blend of ceilidh dancing with live music from a ceilidh band and Scottish food. If you've never been to a ceilidh, it is fun, social dancing led by a caller to help direct our steps which everyone, regardless of age or ability, will find enjoyable and easy.

By purchasing tickets, you're not only treating your family to a night of fun but also contributing directly to fundraise for our school. Events like this have previously enabled the school to fund valuable resources for our children e.g., interactive robots, Infant climbing frame and Accelerated Readers Scheme.

Ticket sales will be closing on the 22/01/2024 as we'll need to have the numbers for catering purposes. Don't let this chance slip away—click the link below to secure your family's tickets and join us for a night of laughter, dance, fundraising and fun:

http://st-bridgets-parents-association.sumupstore.com/

Your support means the world to us. Thank you for being a valued member of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support,

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