



# 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,

This week marks the last week of term and there is still much to do. In assembly today we took time to appreciate some of the key ideas we have learnt from both our Chester Zoo and Coast to Country (C2C) Project. The Coast to Country project finished with the opening of joint Exhibition at the Williamson Art Gallery which is open all summer. During the project High Impact managed to film a number of activities taking place in each of the schools that participated and the final video is now available to view on Twitter. It is worth a look as it shows how each of the local schools has worked together to educate all of our children about the impact of plastic pollution on our local area. Our children have been inspired by this and they all truly believe they can make a difference. They are an example to us all.

## A message from our Chair of Governors – Alex Owen

At the end of an extremely busy academic year, as Chair of Governors, I just wanted to wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. The Governing Body at St Bridget's School are incredibly thankful to Mr Le Feuvre and his brilliant team for all of the work they have put in this year to make our school such a wonderful place for our children to learn. A big thank you to every member of staff – teachers, teaching assistants and support staff – we very much appreciate you and we hope you have a much earned break over the summer.

The Governing Body have had a busy year as well! In addition to our usual remit as Governors, which is to provide confident and strong strategic leadership of our school ensuring robust accountability, oversight and assurance for performance, we have also led a number of projects. At the beginning of the year we developed the School Vision Statement and the School Mission Statement. We are pleased with the developments that have been made as we feel these statements clearly summarise the direction and purpose of our school. Throughout the year we have undertaken a significant restructure of our Curriculum Committee and we have developed how we undertake our curriculum link responsibilities. In addition, we have reviewed the skills and experience of the Board and sought to recruit two new Parent Governors, whose background and availability means they can further support the work of the Governing Body. This year we have supported the school in a host of other ways - from visiting the school to listen to the children speak about the issues that matter to them, to participating in the Rights Respecting School Committee, to attending the various assemblies and Church services. My particular favourite was participating in the whole school trip to Chester Zoo, which clearly inspired the children, staff and

governors to take the environment seriously and supported the embedding of our new Vision Statement: *Inspiring, nurturing and educating our children to serve God by reaching their full potential, serving our local community and by looking after our environment as global citizens of today and tomorrow.*

Wishing you an enjoyable and restful summer holiday – Alex Owen

### **Parking around school**

Increasingly, the school office and myself are being asked to remind parents about parking legally around school on either side of the school. Most recently, we have been faced with a very angry resident who expressed great concern for the children and families walking to school and who also took a number of photos of cars parked illegally or mounting kerbs where pedestrians were walking. There is almost nothing I can say in defence of these motorists and I have great sympathy for local residents. School pick and drop off is a busy time and there are no easy solutions, but I would ask that all parents park responsibly. I am grateful that there have been no accidents and feel that as a community it is all of our responsibility to park safely.

### **Staffing updates**

At the end of term, we say goodbye to Miss Hubbard who has gained promotion to become the SENCo at Brookdale Primary School. Miss Hubbard trained as a student with us and after a brief spell in another school returned to us to be a year 6 teacher for the last two years. We will miss her and would prefer her not to go but wish her well in the next stage of her career. Miss Hubbard's departure will be covered initially by Mr Ryan and then by Mrs Wilson who we will start work with us in November. Mrs Wilson comes from an outstanding school and we have been fortunate to secure her services for early in the autumn term.

Miss Palmer, one of our brilliant teaching assistants in the Foundation Stage is also leaving us to further her studies as a nurse at Chester University. Once again we would prefer Miss Palmer to stay but wish her well in her new studies and career.

Key Dates for 2019-20 – All of these are on the school calendar. All dates for Christmas services and sports days are on the school calendar. These dates are broadly the same as last year and if they change we will give you as much notice as possible

### **Inset days**

Monday 2nd Sept 2019  
Tuesday 3rd Sept 2019  
Monday 6th January 2020  
Friday 22nd May 2020  
Monday 20th July 2020

Yours sincerely,

*Neil Le Feuvre*

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