



St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Luke 10:27

16th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am constantly amazed by the children in our school. Recently, some of the older children came to speak to me about striking in order to raise awareness about climate change. They were passionate about the genuine challenges of climate change and appreciated the things we have already done in school from improving our waste disposal, to the changes we have made in our curriculum, but they want to do more. Next week, in assembly, we are going to talk about the recycling programme called [TerraCycle](#). (Thank you to Mrs Crawford for sharing this with us). We are going to focus on the plastic waste generated from cleaning our teeth which includes: toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers. Once we have had the assembly, I will write again with the details of the children's plan.

School Updates

Attendance

There is a drive to improve attendance in schools across Wirral. Our attendance at St. Bridget's is currently in line with the national average however we have been challenged to improve it further by the Wirral Attendance Officer. This means that it is important that you only ask for time out of school during term time for exceptional circumstances. Where circumstances are not exceptional, I will not be able to authorise the absence. In making these decisions the school has been asked to review current attendance and the number of late arrivals a child may have. Our average school attendance is 96.8%. When attendance is lower than this, or there are a high number of lates for school, it also becomes very difficult to authorise requests.

Start of the school day

For the last few weeks we have opened the gates earlier and allowed children into school from 8.45am. We have trialled this to see if it helps reduce some congestion and give more time for families travelling to school. We will continue to do this until half term when we will review the success of this.

Once again, I am receiving numerous complaints about parking on the yellow zig zags. Some of the older children and I will be patrolling this over the next weeks to try and support safer parking.

End of school day

At the end of each day the caretaker rings the bell to remind/ask parents to leave the playground. The end of the school day is a busy and distracting time for young children and it is easy for them to lose sight of parents. We ask that you leave the playground as soon as reasonably possible at the end of the school day.

Welcome to Mrs Wilson

In the summer Miss Hubbard (Year 6) was successful in gaining promotion at a local school. Her departure has been temporarily covered by Mr Ryan. After half term Mr Ryan will hand over the teaching of year 6 to Mrs Wilson. Mrs Wilson comes from an outstanding school and we have been fortunate to secure her services for early in the autumn term. Mr Ryan will remain at St. Bridget's and once his handover of year 6 has finished, he will start working with Mrs Johnson so that he is prepared to take over her teaching in year 3, when she leaves in January to take over the Headship at Greasby Junior School.

Support with reading

We are always keen and welcome any parents who have some spare time and would like to volunteer to hear children read. If you are interested in becoming a reader, please leave your name with the school office. To become a parent reader, you will need to complete a DBS form which the school office will help with.

Allergy reminder

We ask that children do not bring in any form of nuts for snack, which includes Alpen bars, some biscuits and Nutella. We do encourage children to bring in fruit snacks, except for kiwi fruit. This is because we have some children who are highly allergic to any form of nuts and a very specific allergy to kiwi. Thank you for your support in this.

Key Dates for 2019-20

Parents Evenings for:

EYFS – 22nd and 23rd October

Year 1 to Year 6 - 22nd and 24th October

Dates for the Christmas Fair and the collections

Proposed dates for donations and non-uniform

Friday 8th November - gifts

Friday 15th November - teddies

Friday 22nd November - bottles and chocolate

Friday 29th November Christmas Fair

Inset days

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Yours sincerely,

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