



# St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The lead up to Christmas can be one of the most exciting (and sometimes challenging) times of the year for children and adults. For us in school it is marked by the arrival of our lovely Christmas tree donated from Church Farm and the Christmas Fair. The tree looks beautiful and all of the children have decorated it with multiple colours and the simple message of "Everybody is welcome here". As the end of term approaches we have started rehearsing for our Christmas Services whilst trying to finish off the other aspects of the curriculum. A list of the key dates for the end of term are included below.

## Christmas Services/Events

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 3.40pm – Christingle Service in St. Bridget's Church

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am - Reception Christmas Nativity in school hall

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am - Year 1 Christmas Assembly in school hall

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm - Year 2/3 Christmas Service in church (led by Year 2)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm Year 4/5/6 Christmas Service in church (led by Year 4)

## Sleepout Challenge 2019

This is our fourth year of supporting the Church Urban Fund when some of the teachers will sleep outdoors in various locations at school (traditionally this is the Gazebo.) Over the past four years the teachers have endured driving rain, snow and freezing temperatures. It is never easy and the next day is always a challenge to keep going, but we do it knowing that we only do this for one night to raise awareness.

We have created this page because we want to make a difference. The staff at St. Bridget's are inspired by the work of Church Urban Fund and wanted to support them by raising money as part of our participation in Advent Sleepout Challenge 2019. We want to inspire our pupils that we can all make a difference.

<https://adventsleepoutchallenge2019.everydayhero.com/uk/st-bridget-s-ce-primary>

## Children in Need

Thank you for all of the donations for the Children in Need appeal. This year we used ParentPay to collect donations and this was very successful. We collected £616.35 this year which was the most we have ever collected.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Once again, the book fair was a very popular event and it was wonderful to see so many families encouraging reading with their children. The book fair raised £391 in free books for our school.

## Start of the school day - update

Thank you to all of the parents who have given me feedback about opening school 5 minutes earlier. It seems that this has had a positive effect for children and parents. The surrounding roads seem less busy and children seem less rushed coming into school, which is good news for everyone.

## 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. Currently we have three classes without a parent helper. 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 vegetable or 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

### Inset days

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Yours sincerely,

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