



St Bridget's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Merry Christmas

The end of term has arrived and I would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** from all of the staff at St. Bridget's.

During Advent we asked children to bring items for the foodbank as part of our Advent preparation, which we will now deliver as soon as possible. Throughout Advent the choir seemed to have sung all over Wirral and we had a full church for Christingle raising over £500. This week all of the children in school have taken part in Christmas Services and I know from your responses that you have all enjoyed watching them and hearing our Christmas messages. I am particularly proud of all of them and thank you for your support. They have reminded us all of the important message that Christmas time brings, of Faith, Hope and Love.

In our end of term assembly we thanked everyone who gave of their time to make the Christmas Fair such a success. We raised over £4000 and we are hoping to use this to start upgrading some of our computers. As has become a tradition the staff of St. Bridget's wished the children a Merry Christmas and they have made a fun Christmas video for the children to enjoy. See the link.

Merry Christmas from everyone at St. Bridget's <https://t.co/oYM0C8MDvP>

Autumn - End of term Reports

As a result of feedback from parents, we are trialling the use of an end of term report for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6. (Reception already use this style of reporting). The reports will be available online for the Holiday period and the first week of term. Your child's interim report is designed to give you a quick update on attainment, behaviour, attendance and information on the curriculum. The report is intended as a snapshot, highlighting key areas of their education for the Autumn Term. You can access your child's report using the log in details sent home today with your child. Please keep these log on details safe as you will be able to use these for each report during the year.

Sleep Out Challenge update

Thank you to everyone who supported us in the Sleepout Challenge in any way. It was warmer than last year, but the wind picked up at about 3am and the rain swept through the Gazebo, falling mostly on Mr Ryan it would seem. The wind also played havoc with our temporary wind breaks (old PE mats) which fell on Mr Neal and myself – it felt like we were being attacked! The faithful church bells helped us keep track of time through the night, although I was so tired, I slept through the 5 o'clock chimes. On the other side of school Miss Cotterell, Miss Daltrey and Miss Palmer tried sleeping in the new area by reception. Apparently, the wind howled all night and potentially the gazebo was a better spot to sleepout! Just before 6am we had endured enough and we were all in school. As always there is a feeling of deep joy to be in the warmth of school and Hickories donated some coffee and breakfast at 7am, which was gratefully received.

By lunch time tiredness crept in and doing simple things such as work and decision making took a little longer. It is at this point that I am thankful that I do not have to repeat this challenge for a second night. This is the reason we raise funds because the Urban Church work hard to ensure that this does not happen. So far we have raised over £1700 but I know that additional donations will make the final total closer to £2000. Thank you. The Urban Church are visiting our school in the New Year to say thank you and share how they use the donations to make people's lives better.

New Parent Governor

The newly elected parent governor is Mr Pastor and we look forward to welcoming him into school to continue the important work of the governors.

Well done

Well done to Willow, Emily and Imogen in Year 6, who through their own efforts have raised over £80 for Maggie's, a charity that supports people who have cancer.

Christmas Tree collections and recycling

The collections are taking place between 12th and 17th January 2018 and we are suggesting a donation of £5 for a small tree, £7 for a medium and £10 for a large tree. People who would like to support us would need to register on our website

www.wirralhospice.org or www.charityxmastreecollection.com

Leaving school at the end of the day

Recently, a number of parents and staff have expressed concern for the safety of children who have been left to climb trees on the field or the surrounding area. Please ask your children not to do this.

The end of school is a busy time and we have reminded children to leave carefully, especially if they are riding a bike/scooter. I would ask that children do not ride their scooters and bikes on the narrow church paths.

Updates and reminders

- Payment of school meals – Please ensure you keep your payments for school meals up-to-date. The school cannot provide credit. Occasionally in our busy lives we sometimes forget, but my catering staff do send reminders and when you receive these it would help if you could respond to it quickly.
- Snacks and items in packed lunch that need to be cut up to avoid choking hazards include: grapes, cherry tomatoes, plum tomatoes and larger segments of fruit such as satsumas or oranges.
- Allergy awareness – please avoid sending in nuts or kiwi fruit. We have a few children in the school who are highly allergic to these foods.

Inset Days

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Yours sincerely,

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