



# 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,

Last week, Year Five, led our Ash Wednesday service. It was a great way to start thinking about Lent. They shared the story of the Good Samaritan and introduced the school to our new mission statement of 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Luke 10:27. During Lent, we sometimes think of things or habits we would like to give up or change. Year Five challenged us to think about how we can reduce our carbon footprint. As a school we have raised the importance of looking after our environment by including this in our vision statement "...by looking after our environment as global citizens of today and tomorrow." To support our new intentions, we are making changes as a school and taking the following actions:

1. Changing our refuse supplier so that 100% of our rubbish is recycled, which will include food waste.
2. Changing our curriculum in the Summer to support the Chester Zoo project and the Coast to Country Project.
3. Starting a growing project with the help of some staff and parents. (See school growing project)
4. Engaging and inviting any parent who can come and support our environmental work.
5. Encouraging parents and children to walk to school (where possible) or at least park and walk. (See below)

## Parking around school – we need to do better!

We are large school which provide education for many children and we know the roads are very busy in peak times. Many parents understand this and park sensibly around the area using the local car parks or off street parking that are only a two or three minute walk from school. A large number of our children walk to school which is both healthy and sociable.

Unfortunately, **on a daily basis** I am contacted by parents and local homeowners about the poor parking and the traffic situation around St. Bridget's. Complaints include pictures of parent's cars parked on double yellow lines, videos of cars going through crossings with children waiting and conversations with neighbours who have been upset by thoughtless parking.

**Next week**, some of the older children, staff and governors will be standing near the trouble spots helping to remind parents about the importance of parking safely and legally. Please help us by supporting this initiative. The message will be clear:

1. Park legally or park further away or in a local car park.
2. Walk to school if possible.
3. Give yourself more time to travel to school if you are going to park and walk.

## School Growing Project

As previously mentioned we want to introduce the children to growing fruit and vegetables in school. This is an exciting project. To do this we need your help. If you can spare anytime please use this email

[stbridgetsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:stbridgetsgardenclub@gmail.com)

## Parents Evening

The parents evening sign-ups have been sent out this week. Not all parent's evenings are in the same week which is due to different trips and school organisation. Please check the dates for each meeting. Over the last few years, we have some parents who have valued bringing their children to the parents' meeting and some parents who have found this less helpful. Therefore, I will leave the decision as to whether to bring your child to the parents evening with you. In these meetings we discuss the progress made this year and review how we can support your child further. If there are any concerns prior, other than the usual questions, please consider making another appointment as well.

## Chess News

The Wirral chess team were in action in the Northern Counties Zonal on Saturday in Tameside. The aim was to qualify for the National Finals in Birmingham on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The Wirral Team were successful and qualified fifth. Three of the team were made up of players from St. Bridget's. So well done to Robert, Yusuf and Seb in year 6.

## Chester Zoo

Chester Zoo have today officially announced Chester is now the World's First Sustainable Palm Oil City. Seven years of hard work, educating and supporting restaurants, schools, hotels and cafes, in the use sustainable palm oil to protect the rainforests and wildlife of Borneo and Sumatra. Watch the BBC News today and visit [Chester Zoo's Website](#) for more information.

## Important reminders

- 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. These include products such as Nutella.
- Permission and medical form returns – there are still some forms outstanding for our pupils. If you have one at home, please can this be returned to the school office as soon as possible so our records can be updated.

## Inset Days

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Yours sincerely,

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