



# 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,

## Happy Easter

This year we found ourselves in the strange position of having returned from the Spring Break and then leaving school to celebrate Easter. Nevertheless, Year 3 reminded us of the Easter story through a brilliant combination of singing, readings and prayer. It was a great service and thank you to everyone who supported it. Early last week we planted a fruit tree on the school field to mark the inaugural start of the WI. We were fortunate to be given another nine fruit trees and now have the beginnings of an orchard. I would also like to add my thanks to the parents who have started work on developing a corner of the school field for the school garden. The area is now cleared. Thank you to the many hands that helped. The next stage is planting the hedge and installing the growing beds for each year group.

## Reports

Today the online reports will be released and shared with all parents. We will be sending out new passwords to ensure that everyone has access. Please contact the school office if you need help to access these. These reports have been discussed at parents evening earlier in the term.

## Staffing update

Mrs Johnson has become the acting Headteacher of Gayton Primary School for the Summer term only. During this interim period Miss Hubbard will be the SENCo for St. Bridget's. In addition, Mrs Johnson will be returning for any meetings when appropriate or needed. This week we also welcomed Mrs Pilkington who has started work in the office at St. Bridget's.

## Our rubbish - Carbon Neutral

Before Easter, we changed our waste management providers to B&M. This means that all of our waste is now fully recycled, including food waste, which is in line with our vision statement of looking after the environment. Later this term, we will be visiting the education centre at B&M to see how this waste is managed and recycled. As we continue to reduce our environmental footprint we will be talking to children about reducing the use of unnecessary single use plastic. This includes thinking about reducing any single use plastic used in lunch boxes and refilling drinking bottles with tap water. As a school we are now starting to look at our use of energy and how we can improve this. For example, we are looking at the use of LED lighting and the introduction of solar panels. At each stage we will share with the children how this works and how this is better for the environment.

## Parking

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported our campaign to stop parking on the zig zags by Church Road. A number of children in Year 6 have regularly monitored the parking and I am pleased to say that the parking on the zig zags has improved dramatically. A number of parents have commented that the road feels safer to cross and that they have felt more confident to walk to school with their children. We are not there yet and we will continue to help remind all parents about not parking on the zig zags.



## Ashton Park

During the Spring and Summer months more and more children use Ashton Park and it can become very busy, particularly early to late evening. Some of our older children will use the park independently. Recently, I have had some reports that some behaviour from children from local schools including St. Bridget's has been excitable, if not challenging. I would suggest that any children using the park are given clear guidance and should you have any concerns please contact me.

## Thank you for:

- Raising £1000 through Usborne Sponsored Read. With money raised through this and the book fair we are investing in new books across the school.
- Raising £310 for the Rock of Joy Trust in Uganda.

## Polite reminders:

- **Lunch boxes** – we ask that children do not have chocolate bars/sweets in their lunch box.
- **Allergy reminder** - Children are allowed to bring in healthy snacks at break time, but we would ask that these do not contain nuts or Kiwi fruit.

## Inset Days

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Yours sincerely,

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