



St Brigid's News

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Dear Parents/Carers

In recent months we have seen an unfortunate rise in intimidating or threatening behaviour from a very small group of parents towards support staff and teaching staff as well as the Headteacher. Demands are being made that are simply outside the control of school and there appears to be a growing expectation that St Brigid's staff can solve problems which originate outside of school.

Unpleasant communications between pupils via social media, outside of school is the root cause of the majority of incidences and this is something school cannot be expected to police. PSE lessons are delivered on bullying and the appropriate use of social media: being respectful is a constant message.

Incidences of parents shouting at staff, using intimidating, threatening or abusive language has become an all too common occurrence and parents feel entitled to behave in that way because they think the school isn't supporting them enough.

The Governing body would like to make it absolutely clear that we are operating on a zero tolerance basis with regards to abusive behavior towards staff, which is in line with other public sector organisations. Please note that from now on staff will not engage with parents whose behaviour and manner is deemed to be aggressive or will negatively affect their wellbeing. Parents who behave in such a way will also be asked to leave the premises in order to protect our pupils and/or phone conversations will be terminated. Our teaching, learning and support staff are hardworking professionals who have chosen to help to educate children and young people and deserve to be treated with professional respect. Additionally, you will all hopefully agree that it is the Governing body's responsibility to ensure that staff can work in an environment free from intimidation and abuse. Parents who cannot communicate respectfully will therefore be referred to the Governing body complaints committee and further action WILL be taken where appropriate.

It is regretful, that at a school such as St Brigid's, which prides itself of its Christian ethos and very much strives to educate children to become respectful citizens, that we feel compelled to have to highlight this issue. However, not one but several recent events have left us with no choice to put into writing our clear and rigid stance on this matter. We continue to be extremely grateful to the vast majority of parents who are extremely supportive of the school and we encourage parents / carers to continue to approach staff with any respectful challenge when justifiably concerned.

A. Hannigan
Chair of Governors

Weekly attendance summary (week ending 03.03.17)

Nursery 97.5% Recept. 90.0%

Year 1 94.6% Year 2 96.7%

Year 3 94.2% Year 4 90.5%

Year 5 93.2% Year 6 97.5%

Primary total: 94.0% ↑

7G 95.9% 7R 95.7%

8G 94.6% 8R 96.1%

9G 93.3% 9R 98.9%

10G 92.9% 10R 93.8%

11G 94.4% 11R 94.8%

Secondary total: 95.1% ↑

To report an absence firstcontact@stbrigids.denbighshire.sch.uk

DATES FOR DIARY

Tuesday 14th March

Yr12 Trip to Manchester University 9:00-15:00

Wednesday 15th March

CCF cadets 15:45-18:45

Primary Parents' Evening

16:00-18:00

Thursday 16th March

Primary Parents' Evening

16:00-18:00

Friday 15th March

Monkhouse School Uniform

12:00-16:00

Saturday 18th March

Orienteering Competition

9:00-13:30

Live life to the full through our 40 acts of kindness.

Let us make a real effort this Lent to do something Special for Jesus.



It really is wonderful to see staff & pupils helping with acts of generosity and kindness throughout the school towards each other and towards our planet. Remember our kindness may be simple, but its effects can be long-lasting. Please keep making a note of your acts and place them in the 40 Acts boxes outside the Chapel.

Lord, open my eyes to the needs of others and show me how I can make a difference during Lent and all year round.

Pope's tweet March 3rd Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. It also means sharing food with those who are hungry



Lent Fast Day is on Friday 10th March
Food Bank – Please leave any non-perishable items in the boxes outside Chapel.



A big thank you to all who will be joining me for the 5.00am start to attend the Flame 2017 in Wembley on Saturday. Please keep us in your prayers that this will be an enjoyable, prayerful and inspirational day for us all. See you all bright and early!!!



Skiing 2018

Please keep an eye out for details regarding the 2018 ski trip which will be released next week for all current Year 8,9 and 10 pupils.



Women's World Day of Prayer

Informed Prayer, Prayerful action

Thank you to the children from Year 6 - 9 who sang in the Women's World Day of Prayer Service in Denbigh on Friday 3rd March. The theme was 'Am I being unfair to you?' and there was a lovely guest speaker and a very talented musician from the Philippines. The service was also lead by Mrs Janette Roberts from Year 6 and the congregation raised £110 for worldwide charities involving women and children.



Well done to the Primary Urdd Choir for coming 2nd in the Welsh learners category on Saturday 4th March. They are now through to the county round in April.

Longyfarchiadau!



National Tests in Literacy and Numeracy - The above tests are to be taken by all children from Year 2-9 throughout Wales. They have been developed in order to help schools raise standards in Literacy and Numeracy and are designed to align with the Literacy and Numeracy framework. The tests are due to be administered between the 3rd and 5th May 2017 for Years 7-9. Years 2-6 will carry out the tests in the classrooms between the 3rd and 10th May 2017. Please can we ask you to ensure that your child/ children do not miss any school days during this time unless absolutely necessary.

Uniform / appearance

Uniform rules are being ignored by some pupils—please note the following:

Ties should be worn everyday (with blouses/shirts not polo shirts) as well as blazers as part of the Winter uniform.

Hair should be tied back and hair ties should be green, red or black: multi-coloured hair bands etc. should not be worn.

If pupils do not wear blazers to school, the green fleece is the only other acceptable coat.

Please note that additional piercings (nose and at the top of the ear) are NOT permitted as part of the school uniform. Please support us in not encouraging your children to get additional piercings and thereby avoiding unnecessary confrontations between pupils and staff.

Excessive make up is also not permitted and pupils will be asked to remove it if it is considered to be excessive.

Please note the uniform rules apply to both girls and boys in both secondary and primary.

Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd's Presentation Evening. - On Thursday evening, the Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd held his annual award ceremony for members of the Reserve Forces and Cadet Community, in the grand surroundings of the National Portrait Gallery's rooms in Bodelwyddan Castle. Three members of St Brigid's School CCF were there to receive awards which reflect their outstanding contribution to both the CCF and the wider North Wales community.



Firstly, Maurice Linaker received the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Merit as recognition of his six decades service to the community which includes the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, the Sea Cadet Corps, the Scout Movement, St Asaph Cathedral and, closer to St Brigid's School, the CCF. Secondly, Cadet Warrant Officer Kara Morris (Year 13) received her Certificate of Appreciation for her work as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for 2016, supporting him at civic and ceremonial functions throughout the year. Finally, Cadet Colour Sergeant Jack Taylor (Year 12) who has been selected as one of the Lord Lieutenant's Cadets for 2017. Everyone was supported by their families, who were very proud to see their achievements recognised in this very public manner.