

**St Bride's P.S.
October News Sheet**

Halloween Break

The school will close on **Friday 23rd October at 2pm** for all pupils (**1.45pm for Nursery**). School will re-open on **Monday 2nd November**.

Parent Teacher interviews will take place for Years 1 - 7 in the week of **Monday 16 November**. The majority of the interviews will be on an **Exceptional Closure day on Monday 16th Nov**. Parents will be informed of their actual date and time of the interview by the class teacher on returning from the Halloween break. Details will be sent home with your child.

Up- coming events in school

Prayer Services

Year 2 Prayer Service is on **Wednesday 21st October** in the Assembly Hall at 1.15 pm

Year 3 Prayer Service is on **Tuesday 10th November** in the Assembly Hall at 1.15 pm

First Penance will be on **Sunday 13th March 2016 at 4pm** in St Brigid's Church. **School uniform is to be worn.**

First Holy Communion will be held on **Saturday 14th May 2016 at 10 am**. More details later. We have not yet received the date for Confirmation from the Bishop's office.

There will be a Curriculum Meeting for the parents of our Nursery children on **Thursday 22 October** in the school Assembly Hall at 1.00

Dates for Christmas concerts

Year 1 Thursday 10th December at 1.15p.m.

Year 2 Friday 11th December at 1.15p.m.

Nursery Monday 14th December at 12.45pm & 1.15pm.

Year 3 Tuesday 15th December at 1.15p.m.

Year 4 Wednesday 16th December at 1.45p.m.

Year 5 - 7 Carol Service Fri 18th December at 11am in St. Brigid's church

Orchestra Recital Monday 21st December at 2 p.m.

PTA News

There will be a **Halloween Disco on Thursday 22nd October** in St Bride's Assembly Hall from 5 -7pm. (Tickets are sold out)

Non Uniform / Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Day (simple costumes, no prizes!) on **Friday 23rd October**. A suggested donation is £1 per child or £2 per family.

I would like to thank the members of the PTA for their commitment and time given to running events to raise funds which go towards helping the pupils' school experiences. If you can spare a couple of hours on an evening each month to join the committee or are able to volunteer to help at events, please leave your details with Jackie or Christina at the school office or e mail stbridespta@gmail.com

Remember to view the school website for copies of key policies, information for parents, photos and clips of the children at work and play. It is worth a visit and can be found at www.stbridesps.org.uk

Internet Safety advice for children and parents on internet safety and cyber bullying

As a growing number of our pupils are becoming more confident in using the internet for home works/projects or research, please discuss the following advice with your children

Safety tips for children using the internet and mobile phones (bullying - cyber bullying)

- Always respect others - be careful what you say online and what images you send.
- Think before you send - whatever you send can be made public very quickly and could stay online forever.
- Treat your password like your toothbrush - keep it to yourself. Only give your mobile number or personal website address to trusted friends.
- Don't retaliate or reply!
- Save the evidence - learn how to keep records of offending messages, pictures or online conversations.
- Make sure you tell -
 - your parents, an adult you trust, or call a helpline like ChildLine on 0800 1111 in confidence;
 - someone in school - your teacher or other teachers can help you or use the "Worry Box".
- Finally, if you are aware of cyber bullying going on, support the victim and report the bullying to a trusted adult at home, or in school.

Safety tips for parents and carers

- Be alert to your child seeming upset after using the internet or their mobile phone. This might involve subtle comments or changes in relationships with friends. They might be unwilling to talk or be secretive about their online activities and mobile phone use.
- Talk with your children and understand the ways in which they are using the internet and their mobile phone.
- See the seven key messages for children (above) to get you started.
- Use the tools on the service and turn on in-built internet safety features.
- Remind your child not to retaliate.
- Keep the evidence of offending e-mails, text messages or online conversations.
- Report it! Contact the school if it involves another pupil, so that we can take appropriate action.
- Contact the service provider. If the cyber bullying is serious and a potential criminal offence has been committed, you should consider contacting the police.

Wishing all our children and parents a happy and safe Halloween Break
Remember school closes at 2.00 for all pupils Years 1 - 7 on Friday 23rd October

