



Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 1

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all our families!

We hope you all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas. We would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding as we follow the ever-changing guidance and continue our precautionary measures as a school to protect our children, staff and their families.

Reception Admissions 2022

A reminder that the closing date for Reception class applications is tomorrow, 15th January. If you are submitting an application please ensure you have completed both the online application via LCC and our school's supplementary form.

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Peatman had a baby boy last week, a little earlier than expected! Mum and baby Noah are doing well I am sure you will join us in sending our congratulations to the family. As previously notified Mrs Hathaway will be covering Year 4 full time until the end of the academic year.

Mrs Rose has taken the decision to retire from her Crossing Patrol duties. Mrs Rose has held this post for many years enduring all weathers! We are sorry to see her leave but we all wish her a happy and healthy retirement. If anyone wishes to send a card or messages to Mrs Rose, these can be left at the school office and will be sent on to her.

In light of the above news, Lancashire County Council, are providing cover wherever possible, however, they are currently very short-staffed and may not be able to cover all sessions. We will advise parents by ParentApp if there is not going to be a crossing patrol that day.

If you know anyone who may be interested in the crossing patrol post which is 7.5 hours per week, please contact Sue Halpin (Crossing Patrol Supervisor) on 07826240159

School Photographs

We have booked a date with the School Photographer - Thursday 3rd February. On this date both individual and in-school family photographs will be taken which will be available to purchase if you wish. Unless the guidance changes prior to this date, we will be unable to invite pre-school children to be included in these photographs in order to avoid mixing of settings, i.e. Nursery/Pre-School.

Danone Schools Football Tournament

Well done to our Yr 5/6 football team who played in the Danone Schools football tournament on Tuesday - they all played very well.



Before & After School Club

Happy New Year All! As our Before and After School club starts the new year - it is having a bit of a fresh start too!

We have now recruited our permanent staff as follows:

Mrs Milner (Manager), Mrs Brown (Deputy Manager) who previously ran the club in the Autumn term. We have also welcomed Mrs Marsden during the afternoon sessions as a Playleader. We are in the process of recruiting a further Playleader for the Before and After School Club sessions. If you know anyone who may be interested in applying for this role, further information is available at:

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=57732

The children have decided on a new name for the club: '**The Orchard**'. We are currently running a competition (ending Friday 21st) for the children to design a logo for the club and we have seen some amazing entries so far! The logo will be used on badges etc and perhaps future uniforms for the staff. If your child wishes to submit an entry, please make it circular, named, simple and bold so it can be reproduced.

We are continuing to use ParentApp for bookings until we find an alternative system. Payments should be made via ParentPay or your chosen childcare voucher scheme. Our registrations with the various employer/government schemes are now all in place. A statement up to the end of December will be issued next week - if you have any queries or need any assistance with your account, please contact the school office.

A reminder that parents should always sign their child in/out on the registers provided for safeguarding purposes. Also a reminder that parents should not use the school drive when dropping off or picking up from Before/After School Club for health and safety reasons.

'Virtual' Nativity 2021



If you purchased a copy of our Nativity, we hope you enjoyed watching it. We are assuming everyone's order was fulfilled but if you have any queries, please contact the school office. We still have a couple of spare DVD/Blu Ray copies if anyone forgot to order one.

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 4th February we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day. It is an annual event which brings together the fun of numbers with the more serious subject of taking care of ourselves and knowing how to help others. There will be details to follow nearer the time but it will be a day of fun, numbers and helpful tips! If you would like any further information, please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/events-fundraising/social-special-events/number-day/>



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Celebration Worship

Our Merit Assembly on Friday will continue to be held by Zoom in all classrooms for the foreseeable future. If there is anything you wish us to celebrate with your child for anything they have done or achieved outside of school then please drop us an email so that we can give them a special mention in our assembly.

WOW!

Illness/Absence

A reminder that, if your child is ill and cannot attend school, please contact school by 9.30 a.m. on the day or complete the absence form via ParentApp.

We ask all parents and carers not to send in children [with symptoms that may be Coronavirus](#). Also please observe the 24 hour rule for sickness or diarrhoea (or 48 hours if both) in place to reduce sickness absence.

Important: In the case of someone within your household testing positive, as a school, we would request that you keep your child/ren at home for the recommended isolation period and we will provide remote learning for them. If you are unable to do this, please contact school and as a minimum we will require evidence of negative daily lateral flow tests.

A link to the latest guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

School Meals

We still have several children whose school meal is not being ordered at home. We ask that wherever possible you order your child's meal directly as this does help the classteacher with their morning routines and ensures your child chooses a meal that they like. If you need any help accessing School Grid please contact the school office.

If you have any queries or require further information regarding anything in this Newsletter or any other school matter, please do not hesitate to telephone (01524 811230) or email school (bursar@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk) and we will be pleased to help. We would advise that between 11.45 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. our office staff are assisting with lunchtime routines, however you will be able to leave a message on our answerphone which will be dealt with asap.

Best wishes

Mrs C Weymouth
Headteacher