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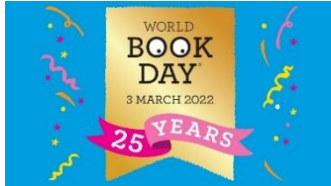
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Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2

Hello and welcome to our Spring Term 2 Newsletter.

World Book Day



Thank you to everyone who 'dressed a potato' as a book character on World Book Day. There were some wonderful, creative designs – keep an eye on Class Dojo for photographs. Winners were awarded with their prizes during Merit Worship.

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations for the Ukrainian Appeal. Four car loads were delivered to the local drop off point and are now on their way to Poland to provide aid for the refugees.

Elleray Cross Country Competition

Good luck to our Year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in the cross-country races at Elleray School in Windermere on Wednesday!

Science Week (14-18th March)

This week we are celebrating Science Week.

KS1 and KS2 are both having a Science related assembly – including walking on eggs! We will be welcoming visitors to school who will be delivering some exciting science lessons and activities to the classes and each class will be presenting what they have learned in our Science display.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March and although we will not be collecting money by selling Red Noses in school, the children are welcome to wear noses purchased elsewhere (available from Sainsburys etc.) Alternatively– we suggest that children might like to have their red noses painted on with face paints, which we will have on hand in school. Whatever they choose to do, the children will be learning about the history of Red Nose Day in their classes and the importance of this fund-raising appeal.

If you wish to make a donation to the Red Nose Day appeal this can be made at:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>



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Easter Competition

It is wonderful to be able to be able to re-introduce our Easter Competition. Our normal three-year rotation is Easter Bonnets, Decorated Eggs and Miniature Gardens.

This year, we are inviting the children to decorate a bonnet at home and to bring it into school w/c 28th March. The bonnets will be on display during the week in school and we will post pictures on Class Dojo. Further details regarding the competition and our Easter Bonnet parade will be given to the children this week.



Spirituality Week

Planning is in progress for our Spirituality Week which was postponed from March 2020. This will take place at the URC in the week commencing 28th March. Our focus will be Lent and Easter, with prayer spaces creating opportunities for reflection and individual responses. A timetable will be available shortly for all children to visit during the week where they will be able to experience stillness, time to give thanks and the chance to explore life's 'big questions'.

Once our timetable is confirmed, we will be asking if any parents are available help out with sessions and supervise our walks to and from the URC during this week. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Parent's Evening Appointments

Thank you to everyone who responded to our consultation regarding the choices for our parent's evening appointments at the end of the Spring term.

If you chose a 'face to face' meeting these will be held in school on Monday 28th March. We would request that visitors to school still adhere to social distancing guidance.

If you chose a 'virtual' meeting, no-preference or did not respond then a virtual (Zoom) meeting will be offered for Tuesday 29th March with the exception of Beech class whose appointments will be on Wednesday 30th March

You will receive a message via ParentApp later this week inviting you to choose your appointment time on the appropriate day in accordance with your initial choice.

Staff News

We are pleased to announce that following our recruitment process, we have appointed Miss Chloe Dawson as Classteacher for Cherry class. Miss Dawson will be joining St Wilfrid's immediately after the Easter holiday. Sadly, this means that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hibble at the end of term, who has been covering Cherry class since November.



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As you will be aware Mrs Peatman is currently on maternity leave, following the birth of little baby Noah. Due to changes in the family's circumstances, she has advised us that sadly she will not be returning when her maternity leave ends.

Mrs Peatman's husband has been offered an exciting career opportunity to train as a vicar, based in Blackpool, and therefore the family have moved there in the last couple of weeks. We are sorry that Mrs Peatman is leaving St Wilfrid's and we will all miss her greatly. I am sure you will join us in sending them our very best wishes to the family as they embark on this new adventure together.

Mrs Frankland has decided to take 'early' retirement towards the end of the Summer term. Mrs Frankland has been Office Manager at St Wilfrid's for 21 years and has helped many families, staff and children throughout their time at school. We are extremely sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Frankland and she will be greatly missed by everyone in the school community but I am sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness for the future.

The Orchard Club

We are delighted to announce that we have a new logo for The Orchard and our numbers are going from strength to strength. Although this is great for the children who are making lots of friends in different year groups and having such a lovely time, it does mean that spaces (especially for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school) are limited so don't forget to get your bookings in before by the Friday deadline. Due to staffing levels, space and resource planning, we cannot guarantee a space for anyone who does not book by the deadline date. After bookings close, any late requests must be made by email to the school office.



We are hoping to have our new online system up and running for the first week back after the Easter holidays. This will automate bookings and registers and payments will be made at the booking stage via online payment instead of ParentPay. Payment via the Government's tax-free childcare and other employer voucher schemes will continue as previously.

We would like to remind parents that our current hours are 7.45-8.45 a.m. for morning session and 3.15-5.45 p.m. in the afternoon. Please can parents abide by these hours and also, continue to use the pedestrian path (not the drive) on arrival or at pick up.

Finally, thank you to all our parents for their support and cooperation and our wonderful children for their positive behaviour and attitudes, making The Orchard a happy, fun and inclusive place to play and relax for all the children.



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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.



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](#). Although the guidance has now changed, if anyone has Coronavirus they are still advised to avoid close contact with others and we therefore ask that if your child is displaying any symptoms or have tested positive, then they do not attend school until they have 2 consecutive days with a negative result.

In addition, if you have a household case, we would ask that children are tested daily for 7 days. These actions will hopefully ensure that we reduce the spread of the virus to children and adults within school.

A separate pictorial guide will be sent via ParentApp which gives a timeline of 'How to return to your normal routine after Covid-19'

Also please observe the 24 hour rule for sickness or diarrhoea (or 48 hours if both) in place to reduce sickness absence.

Easter Holiday

A reminder that school will close for the Easter holiday on **Friday 1st April at 2.00 p.m.** and Orchard Club will close at 4.30 p.m.

School re-opens for the Summer term on **Tuesday 19th April.**

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 Claire Weymouth
Headteacher

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