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Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 1

Hello and welcome to our Summer Term 1 Newsletter.

During the Summer term we hope to be able to continue to move forward and for the children to start enjoying some of the events and activities we have all missed over the summer terms of 2020 and 2021.

### The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations



We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in school on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** when the children will be taking part in activities including exploring the history of the monarchy and other fun activities.

We will be holding a themed 'street party' lunch on this day. If your child wishes to have a school lunch please book this via School Grid by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Children can, of course, still bring their own packed lunch to the 'street party'.

If there is anyone who could assist with the cutting out or sewing of bunting decorations over the next week or so, please contact the school office. Any help would be appreciated.

### The Orchard Club

Our new online booking system 'Magic Booking' is now live and parents who use the Orchard Club should have registered for bookings commencing this week.



If you still need to register for current or future use then please register via the link below:

<https://orchardstwilfrids.magicbooking.co.uk/Register>

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 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.

If you have any questions about the new booking system or Orchard club general enquiries then please contact, Mrs Milner (Orchard club Manager) who will be happy to assist.



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## Sports Day

Our Sports Day is planned for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting) and we are delighted to be able to invite parents to come along to enjoy the event on this day.

KS2 (Beech/Pine/Sycamore and Oak) will be held in the morning and KS1 (Ash/Willow/Cherry and Chestnut) during the afternoon.

Refreshments will be available for parents to enjoy on the day and the children will be provided with and ice cream/ice lolly.

Further details with timings will be sent nearer the date.

## School Trips & Visits

You may be aware of the exciting development of the **Eden North Project**, due to start in the very near future and based in Morecambe. The project is committed to the principles of local ecology, education and community and Lancaster and Morecambe schools are working together, reviewing and enhancing their curriculum through the unique lens of the Morecambe Bay area.

St Wilfrid's is proud to be part of this 'place-based' learning approach and we have been identifying ways classes can venture out more regularly, to learn from our local area. We are making an ambitious commitment for each class to have **a trip or visitor every term** and are asking for your support in order to enable this to happen for your children. Your support might be in the form of small financial contributions towards transport, or perhaps volunteering to accompany us to a local destination.

Here's the link for the Eden North Website which gives a wonderful overview of the project for Morecambe and the underpinning principles of the development:

<https://www.edenproject.com/new-edens/eden-project-north-uk>

We are 'dreaming big' for the children – that **“they will know and love where they live”**. But, we cannot do this without you, as partners in their education, and hope that you will fully support our plans.

## Gaia Exhibition

During w/c 11<sup>th</sup> July we are intending to take the whole school, over a series of sessions, to the Gaia exhibition at Lancaster Priory.

**“Gaia”** is a touring artwork by the UK artist Luke Jerram. Measuring 7 metres in diameter and created from detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface, the artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet, floating in three dimensions. The artwork is 1.8 million times smaller than the real Earth with each centimetre of the internally lit sculpture describing 18km of the Earth's surface.

Further information including visit dates and consent form will be sent nearer the time.



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## St John's Hospice – Big Picnic

We are planning to take our Year 2 pupils to St John's Hospice 'Nourish' Big Picnic for local primary schools. The planned date is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Williamson's Park, Lancaster.

There will be lots of fun activities that promote wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle, and lots to learn from the Big Picnic.

A separate letter giving full details will be sent to Year 2

## Induction Evenings

In addition to our Reception Induction evening, we will also be holding a **KS2 Induction Evening for Year 2 and Year 3 parents**. This will be a chance to get to know the Key Stage 2 staff and hear first-hand about how things change as children move up the school. A separate letter will be sent to the relevant classes giving further details.



## Quality Mark

We are delighted to have been awarded the Step Into Quality Mark for our Year 1 provision across Willow and Cherry classes. Well done to all involved!

## Staff News

We are pleased to announce that following our recruitment process, we have appointed Mrs Laura Harte as Office Manager with effect from June 2022. As you are aware Mrs Frankland is taking early retirement but will remain with us until the end of the Summer term on a part time basis to assist Mrs Harte settling into her new role.

As previously notified Mrs Peatman will not be returning to St Wilfrid's following her maternity leave. Mrs Hathaway will be reverting to her part time role in September (3 days) and we are currently undertaking a recruitment process for the 2-day vacancy in Year 4.

## Pedal & Scoot Session

Children in Ash & Willow have now completed their Pedal and Scoot sessions and Cherry and Chestnut have the opportunity to take part over the next two weeks. Ash and Willow enjoyed their sessions and we hope it has given the children more confidence and determination to improve their cycling skills. Our thanks to Kathy Bashford for running the sessions and to volunteers who have assisted.



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### **Extra Curricular Clubs**

Our current extra-curricular clubs will continue next half term with their current members:

- Monday - Multiskills (Ash & Willow)
- Kidz Fitness (Cherry & Chestnut)
- Tuesday - Moove & Groove Dance (Year 3)
- Choir (Year 4, 5 & 6)
- Thursday - Athletics (KS2)

For safeguarding reasons, if your child is unable to attend their club for any reason, please contact the school office to advise.

### **School Uniform Update**

In case you are already considering purchasing new items for the new term, advance notice that we will be returning to stricter measures relating to school uniform from September. This is particularly relating to PE wear which should be; plain (or school embroidered) white T Shirt, dark blue/black leggings/jogging bottoms/shorts (no slogan or visible brand names) and black or dark coloured trainers. More information will follow – we are also hoping to introduce an option of a St Wilfrid's sports hoodie.

### **Celebration Worship**

Our Merit Assembly on Friday will continue to be held by Zoom in all classrooms for the time being. 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.



### **Traffic & Health & Safety**

For safety reasons, a reminder that when you are dropping off/picking up from school you should not stop or park on the 'zig zag' area, pull into or turn in the school drive. We ask that drivers should also respect our neighbours and not park across or obstruct their drives.

It has been brought to our attention that at collection time some cars park and leave their car engine running – please could you consider not only the environmental impact of this but that our children and their families are breathing in these fumes unnecessarily.

For the High Road exit (Year 5 & 6) please remind your child that they should still cross at the crossing patrol and not be encouraged to cross the High Road unattended.



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### 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.

Although the guidance has now changed, if anyone has Coronavirus they are still advised to avoid close contact with others. The current recommended absence for children is 3 days.

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

### Half Term Holiday

A reminder that school will close for the half term holiday on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15 p.m.

School re-opens for the Summer term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

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](mailto: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

Attached: Diary Dates



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May & Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May  | Pedal & Scoot Sessions for Cherry Class  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Pedal & Scoot Sessions for Chestnut Class  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May                              | Sportsreach Assembly<br>Please see notification via ParentApp for SportsReach soccer camp in half term (7 Years and above) |
|   | Year 5 & 6 Music Workshops (pm)  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                               | Yr 5/6 Football Team – Competition at Moorside Primary School 3.45 – 5.15  |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                                 | Year 3 trip to Ribchester Museum   |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May                               | Year 4 attending Sports Festival at Salt Ayre Sports Centre  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | Jubilee Day celebrations including 'Street Party' Lunch  |
|   | School closes for half term at 3.15 p.m.   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                                | School re-opens  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June                               | Induction Evening for new Reception class (September 2022)   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Rockpool Experience visit to Year 3 & 4  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                               | KS2 Induction Evening for Year 2 & Year 3 parents  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Sports Day   |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                             | Lancashire Fire & Rescue to deliver Roadsafe session to Year 6   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                              | SAMBA Workshops for all classes  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Reserve Sports Day   |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Mini First Aid training for Year 5 & 6 pupils  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                               | NSPCC Assemblies for all classes and Workshops for Year 5 & 6  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Year 6 visit to The Evaquee Experience at East Lancashire Railways, Bury   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July   | Class visits to 'Gaia' exhibition at Lancaster Priory  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Year 2 attending St John's Hospice 'Nourish' Picnic at Williamson's Park, Lancaster  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                | End of Year pupil reports sent to parents  |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Wilfrid's Church (10.00 a.m.)  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                             | School closes for Summer holiday at 2.00 p.m.  |