



# St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

*Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning*

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ISSUE 16

*Let all that you do be done in love (1 Cor 16:14)*

## Christian Values for January: **Freedom/ Justice**

### THIS WEEK:

Happy New Year to you all. I trust you have all had a great Christmas. On behalf of our teachers and myself, thank you for all your cards and gifts that we received before Christmas. Your kindness is really appreciated.

The children have come back brilliantly. We began the week in worship thinking about visitors. We also began a new routine in school called "Chalking the Doors." This involves writing a message above all our external doors to signify a blessing on all who enter our school this year. Look out for the markings (on the inside) when you next visit school.

We also competed well in another football competition. The children did really well, but sadly, there was no final this time. Exciting new topics have also begun, and I had the privilege of reading the ending of my favourite story, "Kensuke's Kingdom," to Sycamore class.

### WORSHIP:

We started our week by Chalking the Doors, a traditional way of marking doors to illustrate Christ's blessing on our school visitors. This activity allowed us to reflect on Epiphany, the time when the Wisemen visited baby Jesus. In Thursday's worship, Rev Susan highlighted the truths of this season. During our staff meeting this week, we discussed our worship times. Mrs Towers, our worship coordinator, highlighted some lovely new resources that can help engage our children during this special time in our week.

### SCHOOL FAMILY NEWS:

Mrs Murgatroyd

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Murgatroyd is expecting a baby in June! I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her on this most wonderful news. I will be writing separately to Willow parents with details of the provision in Willow Class as soon as these details have been finalised.

Mrs Hathaway

Mrs Hathaway had a very successful hip operation just before Christmas. She is recovering well and is hoping to be back in school just after half term—all being well. She sends her best wishes to you all.

### LIBRARY VISIT:

On Tuesday 16th January in the afternoon, Oak class will be visiting Halton library. They are the first class to visit this school year. All other classes will follow in due course.

### ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE:

As a school, we recognise the challenges of the online world for both children and families. Therefore, Mrs. Wall-Budden, our Pastoral Support and Mrs Murgatroyd, will provide regular Online Safety Updates. These updates will come in the form of information posters containing important advice and information about online topics. Some of these updates will be generic in nature, while others will focus on the latest games, websites, and developments in the ever-changing online world. We hope that these updates will help parents stay informed so that our children can enjoy the benefits of the online world while being aware of its dangers and challenges.

**These updates will be sent every Friday along with the Newsletter.**



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## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS: Dojo Update:

In my previous newsletter, I mentioned that we would be developing our use of Dojo (our online communication platform). As a staff, we have looked again at our Dojo Policy and I am keen to clarify a few key points. Most importantly, we want to ensure that there is a more consistent use across school and children receive 'points' related to our termly reports areas.

### Policy Reminders:

*the message function will only operate within the stated hours: **8.00am – 5pm** Monday to Friday.*

Parents can still send messages at any time, however, teachers will only be checking and responding during the above hours. This will usually be within the same school day.

### Do use Dojo...

*for short "doorstep" style messages; the whole school communication system (telephone/email) must be used to inform of important information about pupils*

### Don't use Dojo...

*to enquiries about classroom or playground incidents - an email or telephone call is required to the school office*

**The updated policy is available on the school website for more details and guidance.**

## STARS OF THE WEEK:

Ash : Freya  
Willow: Tobias  
Cherry: Maya  
Chestnut: Reuben  
Beech: James.B  
Pine: Luca  
Sycamore: Savannah  
Oak: Sienna

## CLUBS:

Club Information has been sent home on Parent Apps. Thank you again to all the staff who are using their own time to provide these great opportunities.

## SCOUTS:

Many of our children are involved in Scouts. This is a great way to learn new skills and make new friends. Please see the Parent Apps Message for information on how you can get involved.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Teaching Intervention Plans (TIPS)—sent home on Friday 12th January  
WB 15th Jan Clubs Begin

### 15th January—School Place Application Deadline

Tue 16th January—Oak Class visiting the library

Fri 19th Jan—Athletics Competition—details give to children involved

Fri 19th Jan—Football Competition— County Finals— details given to children involved

**Thursday 25th Jan 3.30pm PTFA AGM—In School**

## Class Assembly Dates:

**Fri 26th Jan 9.15am—Cherry Class**

**Fri 9th Feb 9.15am—Beech Class**

**Fri 26th April 9.15am—Pine Class**

**Fri 14th June 9.15am —Sycamore Class**

**Wed 19th June 9.15am —Willow and  
Ash Class Combined**

**Families are invited to watch their  
child's Class Worship.**

**Final thought...** This week I had the privilege of reading the ending of my favourite children's book, Kensuke's Kingdom to Sycamore Class (I thought my classroom teaching days were over!). It reminded me of the joy reading brings. Have a lovely weekend and pick up a book! Mr Curwen