



St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning

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

Christian Value for December: **Peace**

THIS WEEK:

What a wonderful week it has been, with the Christmas spirit in full swing. The week started off with our entire school enjoying a trip to the pantomime. On Tuesday and Wednesday, all the children had the opportunity to visit the Secrets Room. Also, on Wednesday, we were delighted to have a splendid Music Assembly, during which pupils who receive music lessons at school performed in front of the entire school and their parents. We also had the pleasure of hosting senior members of the community at our Community Tea, where they enjoyed the singing of carols and a performance by KS1 of three songs from the upcoming nativity. To cap it all off, we have been busy with our Elf Runs, raising funds to support St John's Hospice.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX:

If children want to send Christmas cards within the school, we have a post box in the school hall. Year Six children will then sort and deliver the cards around the school, starting on Monday. Please make sure that the first name, surname initial, and class are written on the envelope.

PARKING:

I am aware that there are numerous challenges with vehicle access before and after school. We all share the same concerns for children's safety. With this in mind, may I please ask you to take extra care when parking your car to drop off and pick up your child. Also, could I also request that we consider our local residents and ensure we do not block drive-ways. I understand that drop-off and pick-up are significant challenges, and I will make every effort to find opportunities, initiatives, and routines that can help improve this situation as we progress through the year. For now, may I urge you to be mindful of our children's safety at all times. Thank you in advance.

NISCU WORSHIP:

Today we said goodbye to our friend Debbie Green from NISCU. As she moves onto pastures new, we want to thank her for all her contributions to St Wilfrid's over many years. NISCU will still continue to visit our school and we look forward to more encouraging bible teaching in the future.

PANTO:

On Monday we had a fantastic visit to The Grand Theatre in Lancaster to watch a great performance of Jack and the Beanstalk, with a few modern adaptations. The children really did us proud. I want to say a huge thank you to the PTFA who help fund this event.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER:

Please see the separate
St Wilfrid's Church
Newsletter

NEW PARENTS SHOWROUND:

The deadline for Primary School Applications is 31st January 2024. If you have children starting school in September 2024, then please ensure you apply through the Lancashire County Council Website.

To look around our school, please contact Mrs Harte or Mrs Brown in the school office on:

(01524) 811230



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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE:

Hello everyone, We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with love and celebrations!

As technology becomes increasingly popular amongst young people, children may be receiving devices as gifts this Christmas. Whilst these have many advantages, they do pose a risk to online threats and therefore we have provided a link to help support Online Safety. The guide is from the UK Safer Internet Centre and is filled with information to help children stay safe online whilst using a variety of devices such as: . Mobile Phones . Tablets . Computers . Games Consoles . Smart TVs . Smart Speakers

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Thank you for your ongoing support with keeping our children safe online. Merry Christmas!

Mrs Murgatroyd, Computing and OLS Coordinator

Please no photos/video during the Nativity and Carol Service.

Photos of the Nativity will be available details to be sent on Parent Apps

STARS OF THE WEEK:

ASH: Ruby

WILLOW: Freya

CERRY: Elliot

CHESTNUT: Orlaith

BEECH: Hatty

PINE: Niamh

SYCAMORE: Isaac. C

OAK: Lyla

Key Stage 1 Nativity (In School)

Nativity: Tue 12th Dec 2pm / Wed 13th Dec 2pm and 6.00pm

All tickets have now been allocated. We appreciate your patience and look forward to welcoming you into school next week.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service (In Church)

(This event is ticketed but there is no charge)

Carol Service: Tue 19th Dec 2pm / 6.30pm

All children (one per household if there are siblings) will receive one ticket per performance. If you do not wish to use this ticket then please can you return it to school, via your child, so we can then reallocate that ticket to another child/family.

Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Nativity and Carol Service— Please see above.

Fri 15th December—Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Tue 19th Dec—Key Stage One Parties—Please wear party clothes all day

Wed 20th Key Stage Two Parties—Please wear party clothes all day

Thursday 21st—Finish for Christmas Holiday—2pm school closes

(Orchard Club closes— 4.45pm)

School Reopens—Monday 8th January 2024!

Final thought...

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."