



St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK: This week was a fantastic one for music at our school. Both the year five and year two children had the opportunity to attend the Lancaster Music Festival and they thoroughly enjoyed this great event. Another highlight of the week was witnessing the final groups participating in our Grounds Up Project. Sycamore class, have risen to the challenge and have made good progress in developing the community allotment. We are grateful to Bee Adventure for their support. We hope that their partnership will continue in the coming months. On Wednesday, we had an excellent cricket assembly and on Thursday, we came together to celebrate Holy Communion. To wrap up the week, we are hosting our second Messy Church event since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. We are optimistic that this enjoyable gathering will become a more regular feature in both our school and church calendar.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP Update:

Celebration Worship on a Friday is a fantastic way to conclude the week. In the previous term, we facilitated bookings via Parent Apps, enabling parents to attend every week. As we move forward, we have decided to extend an open invitation for you to join us **without** the need to book in advance. Nonetheless, we kindly ask that you still arrive at the main entrance and sign in, as the worship will begin at 2.25pm.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT: Living Streets

I am writing to you again to address the ongoing traffic issues we face during pick-up and drop-off times. The safety of our children remains our top priority, and I want to bring attention to a new initiative that our whole school will be launching after Easter - the Living Streets Initiative. This initiative aims to encourage as many of us as possible to walk to school, not only for the benefit of our health but also to help reduce traffic congestion. The Living Streets Initiative will span over a year, and each day, children will be asked to record how they travel to school using our 'Travel Tracker'. The objective is to encourage more people to consider walking, scooting, or riding bikes to school, even if it is only on an occasional basis. We will be tracking the data, and over time, I hope that we will see a decrease in the number of cars on the road. I want to acknowledge that this initiative does not solve the traffic issue we are facing, but I believe it is a step forward in making things better.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Thank You!

I would like to express my sincere thanks for all your hard work and support in helping us keep our school attendance above the national average. At St Wilfrid's, we greatly value both academic achievement and personal development, and we recognise that school attendance plays a crucial role in both. Consistency in learning and the development of healthy relationships within the school community are strongly supported by high levels of attendance. As a school, we closely monitor attendance and are always ready to provide support when it becomes challenging. If your child is facing attendance difficulties, we will reach out to you to offer support and advice on how we can work together to improve their attendance. If you feel the need for additional support in this area, Mrs. Wall Budden, our Pastoral Support, will be happy to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact her through the school office. Once again, thank you for your invaluable contribution!



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PARENT'S EVENING: Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 27th March.

We are looking forward to seeing you for Parent's Evening next Wednesday. Please enter the school through the main entrance and then proceed to the school hall for your appointment. Your child's work will be available for you to look through before your appointment, so please arrive a few minutes early to allow for this.

PTFA:

The PTFA is still hoping to find someone who is willing to coordinate our school's 100 Club. This is an important role in our school fundraising. It will require a small amount of administration time, but it does allow for valuable income to be generated for our PTFA.

If you feel you can help, then please contact the school office.

EASTER At St Wilfrid's:



This year, for our Easter competition, we will be inviting the children to decorate an hard boiled egg at home and to bring it into school on Monday 25th March . The eggs will be on display during this week in the main corridor. Judging will take place on Wednesday 27th March, the winners will be announced on Thursday in worship .

Please continue to donate your Chocolate Easter Eggs for our PTFA Easter Egg Raffle next Thursday.—This will take place in each classroom during the day on Thursday.

Uniform update:

Trainers: Update to Policy

The governors have updated our school's uniform policy regarding trainers. Trainers for school use are now allowed in any colour but must be suitable for sports activities, rather than being purely fashionable.

Following this change, I kindly request that when purchasing trainers for use in school, they are specifically designed and suitable for sports.

SCHOOL STAFF NEWS:

Willow Class— Final arrangements for Mrs Murgatroyd's maternity cover in Willow class are still to be finalised.

As soon as I have confirmed the arrangements I will let you know.



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ONLINE SAFETY and WELLBEING: This week our poster is all about having open and honest conversations at home. We hope the tips and ideas given can help develop these conversations.

VACANCIES In School :

We currently have two vacancies in school:

Catering Assistant— 2 hours per day

Welfare Assistant—1 hour per day

Both these jobs would suite a local person. Please spread the word. Full details can be found on Lancashire County Council Website.

STARS OF THE WEEK:

Ash: Disney
Willow: Reuben Pr
Cherry: Grace
Chestnut: Jacob
Beech: Maisie
Pine: Liviya
Sycamore: Lucas
Oak: Lilly M

CLASS WORSHIP DATES:

Fri 26th April 9.15am—Pine Class
Fri 14th June 9.15am —Sycamore Class

HALTON LIBRARY VISITS:

Dates for the remaining classes to visit Halton Library.
Future Library Visits:
27.03 Ash (10:00-11:00)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Friday 22nd—Messy Church—School Hall 3.30pm –6pm
WB 25th March—Holy Week (Special Worship Each Day)
Wednesday 27th Decorate an Egg—Judging by Mrs Stoneham (Vice Chair)
Wed 27th March—Parent's Evening 2.30pm—8.00pm—School Hall
Thur 28th March—PTFA Egg Raffle
Thursday 28th March—School Closes for Easter—2pm
Easter holidays—Drains works start in school—Key Stage Two Playground
Tue 16th April—Living Streets Launch Assembly
Wed 24th April SportsReach Worship
Wed 1st May—Community Tea 2pm—3pm—School Hall
Fri 10th May—Final Athletics Fixture—Pupils involved will be contacted
Thur 16th May - PTFA Meeting in School—3.30pm

Final thought... I hope we can all have a wonderful final week in school and enter our Easter break fully prepared for a well-earned rest. Happy weekend!