St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning

4.9.26

New Year

Issue 1

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

Christian Value this half term: Friendship

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a great summer. It has been lovely to catch up with many of you this week, and we have had a brilliant first week back at school. The children have done exceptionally well. Thank you for all your hard work in preparing your children for their first week back. It is pleasing to see our children looking smart in their uniforms. I also thank you for ensuring that the children are in school, ready to learn, by 9 am. Remember…

Five to nine is on time.

Vision Update:

We have updated our School Vision and Aims to both be incorporated into one Vision Statement.
Our Vision Statement is as follows:

Our distinctive Christian vision is to follow Jesus' example, enabling all members of the school family to live and love fully. We believe God loves us all and we develop understanding of the Christian faith and the teachings of Jesus, helping all to flourish in daily life. Rooted in our core Christian values of Wisdom, Perseverance, Trust, Creativity, Respect and Kindness, we provide a safe and supportive environment where children are encouraged to aim high in their academic, personal and spiritual development. We strive to be a school community where everyone belongs, contributes and is equipped to impact the world beyond, demonstrating kindness and love through their behaviour and attitudes.

This is summarised as:

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St Wilfrid's Way

Our Vision

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Love Learning

Our Core Christian Values

Wisdom, Respect, Perseverance,
Kindness, Trust & Creativity

Our Expectations

Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High!

Worship and Values:

This year, we will be expanding the Christian Values we focus on in our school worships.

This year we are looking at:

- Friendship
- Joy
- Service
- Forgiveness
- Courage
- Integrity

These will complement our core Christian values, which form the St Wilfrid's Way.

We will continue to recognise one child from each class every half term who has demonstrated these values in our Values Awards Worship. Parents will be notified if their child is to receive a Values Award.

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HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT:

A Parent Apps message will be sent home for you to sign our Home-School Agreement, on Monday. This document clearly sets out the expectations of the school, family, and child. Please take some time to read it thoroughly and return it as soon as possible. This is a positive way for the school and home to clearly demonstrate a mutual commitment to working together.

IMPORTANT: PARENT CONTACT TO SCHOOL:

If you wish to contact school, please contact your child's class teacher (in person, via Dojo message, or by requesting a call) or contact the school office. The school office may ask what your enquiry is regarding so that they can best direct your request. These two points of contact will enable us to respond to your enquiry efficiently. Parents are asked to use **admin@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk** as the email point of contact.
Thank you in advance.

As a school we will be mainly using Dojo as our form of communication between home and school. However, Parent Apps will be used when consent or replies are required. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEW STARTERS!

Well done to our new starters! They have made an excellent start to their St Wilfrid's journey. This week, they have been attending for half a day, and starting next week, they will all begin full-time together. We are so proud of how well they have settled in and started to adapt to their new environment. It is going to be a fantastic year in Ash Class. Well done, boys and girls (and parents too!)

Halton Juniors.

I am pleased to say that Halton Juniors FC will be playing some of their games on our school field. This is a great opportunity for our school grounds to support the local community. You may therefore notice people and traffic around the school on a Sunday morning. Come on, Halton FC!

Technical Issues

We have been experiencing some technical issues at school this week. We are aware that some of them have also affected other schools. We are working hard to get them sorted. Thank you for your patience.

IMPORTANT: Free School Meals

There have recently been some changes to Free School Meals eligibility. If you receive a letter regarding your child's eligibility, please forward a copy to the school office at your earliest convenience. This will help us ensure our records are up to date and that any support your child is entitled to can be put in place promptly.

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STAR OF THE WEEK:

ASH: N/A
CHERRY: Avery
CHESTNUT: Jackson
BEECH: Abigail
PINE: Jack
SYCAMORE: Blake
OAK: Lucy

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

These dates will be released ASAP:
Thank you

Clubs:

Next week, WB will start on 14th September. Mad Science starts on Tuesday 8th September and was booked in the summer term 26. A message will be sent out next week on Parent Apps for you to sign your child up.

Health and Safety: Arriving and Leaving School:

Please use the paths only to access the school. Please avoid using the driveway. If you are arriving on wheels, please push your bike or scooter once you are on school premises. Thank you.

Parent Apps Medical Need update:

Please ensure you complete the Medical Information Update sent out on Parent Apps. This allows us to keep up to date with all your child's medical needs. Thank you.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING: Wed 9th September 6pm—7pm

On this evening, we will begin with a 'Headteacher Welcome' in the school hall. At 6.20 pm, you will then be given the opportunity to visit your child's classroom for 20 minutes to hear from your child's teacher about life in their class. At 6.40 pm, the teachers will repeat their presentation to allow parents with more than one child to attend both classes. If you have more than two children, please select two to attend and make arrangements to meet other teachers if you feel it necessary. Please do try and come without your own children. However, if this is not possible, please bring a quiet activity for them to do. I hope to see you there.

Dates for the Diary—more to be added next week.

Wed 9th September 6pm –7pm—Meet the Teacher
Mon 14th Tue 15th and Wed 16th—Year 6 to Robin Wood—Residential Trip
WB Mon 14th September—Clubs Begin—Parent Apps sent out next week for Club Allocations.
Mon 21st September—School Council Elections—Details to follow (Results Wed 23rd September)
Tue 22nd September—Hot Chocolate Drop In 4pm – 5pm—Leaver's 2026.—One Night Only—Come and say Hi!!!
Wed 7th October Open Day (9.30am—11.30am) More details to follow—Please contact school if you would like to attend.

FINAL THOUGHT:

A great week at school, with reflections on the summer and excitement about the year ahead. I also thank you all for preparing your children so well for their return to school, which is not always an easy task.

Happy weekend.

Mr Curwen