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 this half term: Joy

School Council Chosen Charity: Animal Care / Stroke Association

This Week:

A great week at school. We celebrated Odd Socks Day in support of Anti-Bullying Week, Pine Class enjoyed Anglo-Saxon Day on Tuesday, there were library visits, Sportsreach visited the school, and we began our exciting trim trail project. We also finished the week with a visit from MP Lizzy Collinge, who spoke with our Year 5 pupils and the School Council.

Anti-Bullying Week: Break the Silence.

This week, we have been showing our support for Anti-Bullying Week. We have shared this message in worship and in class. We want children to know how to break the silence and what to do if bullying happens.

At St Wilfrid's, we take all forms of bullying very seriously and will always take action to ensure that it is stopped.

Exciting Project Trim Trail:

Work has begun on our new trim trail. You may already have noticed the start of the building work. As mentioned previously, this is due to a significant contribution from the McTominay family. It is hoped that the trail will be completed within the next two weeks and will help to provide excellent provision at break times.

Pastoral Post: Library Visits – Encouraging Reading.

As a school, we are keen to encourage children to read. Reading is one of the most important ways children can make academic progress and support their well-being. We are establishing our routines for visiting Halton Library, and next week we are also welcoming the Lancashire Library Bus, which will give us the chance to choose 100 new books for our school library. We are also taking part in the Fantastic Book Awards, where children in Years 5 and 6 can read and review newly published books. Our poster this week will also offer suggestions and encouragement in this very important area.

Please do try to listen to your children read regularly!

No App Replaces the Lap!

Staff Absence: Update

Unfortunately, two members of staff are currently away from school. Mr Box and Mrs Stephenson both need time away for personal reasons. I am pleased to say that Mr Owen will be teaching Year 6 for the next couple of weeks, and Mrs Morrison is covering some of Mrs Stephenson's hours.

IMPORTANT: CONTACT DETAILS

Please can you ensure that, if your contact details change, you inform the School Office. We have had a few recent instances where parents have been difficult to contact because their phone numbers or addresses have changed.

Thank you in advance.

Orchard Provision:

Please ensure that Miss Brown, Orchard Manager, has up-to-date collector information. Children will only be dismissed to people listed on the collectors register for After School Club.

Reminder: Lockdown Procedures:

Very soon, on a date to be finalised, we will be conducting a lockdown practice. This exercise is essential to ensure that all children and staff can move safely into the school and secure the premises. I will ask teachers to explain to the children why this drill is necessary. We will use the example of a local fire and the presence of smoke as the reason for returning to class. I believe it is good practice to have this procedure in place, and I will ensure that it is carried out without surprise and with a clear explanation for all our children.

Reminder Parent Governor Elections:

As of today, we have not had anyone contact the school regarding the two Parent Governor positions. I understand that this is a significant time commitment. However, I would encourage you to consider supporting the school in this way. If you would like to know a little more, please do contact me for an informal chat.

Thanks, Mr Curwen

PLEASE KEEP TO THE PATHS!

It is that time of year again, so please can I ask everyone to keep to the paths or track when walking around the school grounds. This is both to keep people safe and to maintain the appearance of the school grounds.

Other Notices:





Star of the Week

Ash: Olive
Cherry: Leo
Chestnut: Noah T
Beech: Oliver
Pine: Josh
Sycamore: Freddie
Oak: James B

Dates for the Diary

Tue 24th Nov—Mand M Production—Aladdin—In School –Details sent
Wed 25th Nov—Library Bus Visit—School children only—In school time.
Fri 27th Nov—Christmas Fair 5pm –7pm in School
Tue 8th Dec—Nativity to Parents—2pm and 6pm—Ticket information to follow
Wed 9th Dec—Yr 3 and 4 Christingle 2pm and 6pm—In St Wilfrid's Church—no tickets required
Thur 10th Dec Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Fri 11th Dec—Christmas Film Night - Details to follow
Mon 14th—Community Carol Singing – After School until 5pm
Wed 16th Yr 5 and 6 Carol Service—2pm and 6pm in St Wilfrid's Church—No tickets required
Fri 18th Dec —Values Worship— Joy —Parents of children receiving an award will be contacted a week before.
Fri 18th Dec—School Closes for Christmas at 2pm

Future Key Dates:
Tue 5th January—School Re Opens. Happy New Year!
Thur 4th March—World Book Day—Children to dress Up
Fri 5th March—Mother's Day Afternoon Tea—Details to follow
WB Mon 8th March—British Science Week
WB 22nd Marh—Holy Week
Wed 24th March—Parent's Evening
School Closes Thur 25th March 2pm
School Re Opens—Mon 12th April

Final Thought:

No App replaces the Lap!

Spending time reading with our children is one of the best things we can do!