



# ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## Weekly News & Information

### 11th March 2022



### Diary Dates

11th–20th March  
Science Week

Mon 14th March  
Parent Consultations  
Mrs. Pettit

Thurs 17th March  
Parent Consultations  
Mrs. Pettit

23rd, 24th & 25th March  
PTFA Mother's Day Gifts

Wed 23rd March  
Mother's Day Assembly  
Year 2—9.00am

Thurs 24th March  
PTFA Dress down day  
(Easter Egg donations)

Mother's Day Assembly  
Reception 9.00am  
Year 1/2 - 2.30pm

Friday 25th March  
Mother's Day Assembly  
Nursery 9.00am  
Year 1—2.30pm

Monday 28th March  
Reading Workshops after  
school  
Nursery—Y6

KS1 SATS  
Parents meeting  
2.30pm(in sch)

**PARISH MASSES:- SACRED HEART SATURDAY @ 5.00PM AND SUNDAY @ 9.30am.**  
**ST JOSEPH'S BURSLEM—SUNDAY @ 11.30AM, St PATRICK'S PACKMOOR SUNDAY 6.30pm.**  
Confessions: Sacred Heart - Sat 4.30pm—4.50pm, Sun 9.00am—9.20am St. Joseph's—Sun 11.00am—11.20am  
St. Patrick's Sun 6pm

### Stoke Schools Partnership Performance

On Monday, 18 pupils, from years 3 to 6, took part in the Stoke Schools Partnership Performance evening at The Victoria Hall. In front of a very large audience, the children, many who have never performed in a theatre before, worked incredibly hard and peaked at exactly the right moment, performing beautifully with commitment and energy which culminated in the children coming together to sing a stirring song.

The theme for the performance was 'the future is in our hands' and the St Wilfrid's piece explored many concepts including climate change and how the young people of the world can help to change opinions and encourage world leaders to take action. The dance contained many ideas of individual behaviour and its influence on others, with several children performing creative solo sections that the rest of the group reacted to. Ben in Yr. 6 made a convincing orator, explaining articulately how **one person can influence a group and how a group can influence one person.**

We are very proud of every one of them and they all thoroughly enjoyed this unique experience of performing to a packed Victoria Hall.

### Cross Country

On Thursday afternoon at Mill Hill Primary Academy, twelve of our talented runners proudly represented St Wilfrid's in the latest leg of the Tunstall Cross country league. Both the boys and girls teams grew in confidence and enthusiasm, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship at all times. Competing against five other Tunstall schools, St Wilfrid's supported each other, devised their own tactics and were always the first to cheer on the other runners. Overall, when taking into account the four fastest individuals from each team, the girls team finished third and the boys finished second, narrowly missing out on first place. Two of our runners, Ben and Tom from Year 6, amazingly finished the 2 lap course in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. If they repeat this feat in next week's meeting at Ormiston Horizon, they will hopefully go on to represent Tunstall town at the Inter town cross-country finals later this month. Well done. We are very proud of all of you.

### Mother's Day Assemblies

Wednesday 23rd March—Year 2 Mrs. Bacon/Mrs Oakes—9.00am

Thursday 24th March—Reception at 9.00am  
Year 1/2 Mrs. Buckley—2.30pm

Friday 25th March—Nursery at 9.00am  
Year 1 Miss. Baker—2.30pm

### Catholic Life



#### Values and Virtues

The values and virtues for this half term are **'Intentional & Prophetic'** Pupils are becoming Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.

#### Mass

Children will continue to attend Mass weekly each Thursday. The classes attending next week will be Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5.

#### A word from Pope Francis

"The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another."

#### Foodbank

To help raise money for the foodbank at Sacred Heart Tunstall and St. Joseph's Burslem, Yasmin (Year 2) had the idea to do a sponsored swim. She completed 20 lengths (400 metres) in 18 minutes and to date has raised over £1,100. We are so proud of you. Well done!

#### Reconciliation

Please pray for a number of our pupils in Y3 and Y4 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church this week. We were very proud of the reverence they showed and the hard work they put into their preparation prior to receiving the Sacrament.



## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTERNOON WRAPAROUND

We will be changing the way in which you book and pay for our Breakfast Club & Afternoon Wraparound. You will now be able to reserve places on these care clubs via the 'Breakfast Club' & 'Afternoon Wraparound' tab's in your child's scopy account. As long as your child's account is in credit, you can book any date. It is very easy to use and has the added facility of having a calendar which shows you which dates you have booked. You will also have more flexibility and will be able to book and amend places for up to two days beforehand. **We will no longer be accepting bookings via email after 28th February 2022.**

**Breakfast Club.** Our breakfast club opens at 7.30am and is open to all of our children in school. We offer breakfast, such as toast, cereal & fruit and water is always available. The children also have lots of activities to keep them busy including Lego, colouring and board games. The cost is £3.50 per day and includes breakfast.

**Afternoon Wraparound** is available at the end of the school day, until 3.30pm. The cost for this is £1.00. As advised, all places must be paid for and booked in advance of your child's attendance. Unfortunately should you not follow these procedures, places will be refused as your child will not be registered.

For any bookings already made using our current system for the Spring 2 Term, please ensure that full payment is made before booking any further dates.

**Emails**—Please remember to check your emails regularly for information sent out from school.

### Rear of School

To enable our children to remain safe when coming into school, please do not park or reverse by the back gates. Thank you

### ABSENCES

**If your child is absent, would you please use the absence email address -**

**ab-  
sence@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk  
(giving name, class and detailed  
description) or telephone the**

## A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their  
choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.

Take your family to church this Lent  
Please see link below

[https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-to-school-pupils-take-your-family-to-church-this-lent/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-to-school-pupils-take-your-family-to-church-this-lent/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=)