



# ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## Weekly News & Information

### 17th December 2021



#### Diary Dates

**Tues Jan 4th**  
**School**  
**re-opens to all**

Mon 7th—Fri 11th Feb  
Y4 Times Tables  
Rockstars Competition

Tues 8th Feb  
Safer Internet Day

Mon 21st—Fri 25th Feb  
Half-Term

Mon 28th Feb  
School open to all

Tues March 1st  
Shrove Tuesday  
PTFA Pancake Sale

Wed 2nd March  
Ash Wednesday

Thurs 3rd March  
World Book Day

Tues 8th March  
Y6 & Reception  
Vista Photographs

**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 9.00am—9.20am St. Joseph's—11.00am—11.20am

#### COVID measures January 2022

In light of the 'Plan B' measures that the government announced last Wednesday, we wanted to reassure you that after the Christmas break, we will be continuing with the measures that we already have in place in school. We will also be implementing the following increased measures for the whole school:

1. Parents will not be permitted into school for any assemblies or other events.
2. Assemblies and other large gatherings of children will be done remotely.
3. The children will eat lunch in their classrooms.
4. Staff will wear face coverings when out on the yard with parents.
5. We are advising parents to wear face coverings when on school premises (when dropping and collecting children- Please note this is only advice and will not be enforced.)

I wish to reassure you that these arrangements will be reviewed weekly to ensure, where possible, we can remove any restrictions that we have in place.

The most important thing is that parents must not send their children to school if they are displaying any of the below symptoms and ensure they arrange for a PCR test, not returning to school until they have a negative result or if positive, until they have fully completed their isolation period:

- high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

#### Carol Concert

This week we had our KS2 Carol Concert in church. All staff were really proud of the children who sang so beautifully and read so well. The children have helped all of us to prepare with their singing and the readings, for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. The children really are a credit to their parents and the school alike. Thank you to those who were able to attend. It was lovely that you could be there with us in church.

#### Advent Retreat

Today, all of our children took part in an Advent Retreat, which was held remotely and led by One Life Music. It was a time to step back and reflect on the season and to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. All the children and staff enjoyed the experience.

## Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for arranging the visit from the Magician. It was wonderful to witness the joy and laughter of the children watching the magician. The school was ringing with laughter and joy and it was so moving to hear the pupils so happy after the very difficult times they have experienced over the last couple of years.

Thank you for also arranging the discos. The children really enjoyed them

Thank you to all parents for adhering to all Covid measures and helping us to keep the children safe.



*Wishing you all a  
Happy & Holy Christmas and a  
Peaceful New Year  
From all the staff*

## EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB OPEN FROM 7.30AM



All places will need to be booked in advance on a Monday previous to the week required and paid for in full. We will be operating a strict booking system and so your support with this procedure is appreciated. Please note that we cannot accept any bookings outside of the above criteria and you will be turned away unless you have a booking.

You will need to email [kcook@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk](mailto:kcook@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk) with your requirements. Please supply your child's name/s, class, mornings required and confirm that you have paid in full on scopay.

## SACRED HEART MASS TIMES

Dec 24  
Christmas Vigil Mass 6pm at  
all Churches

Dec 25  
Christmas Mass at 9.30am at  
all Churches

Dec 26  
Feast of the Holy family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec 26  
African Community Mass at  
St. Joseph's Burslem  
at 4pm

LUKE 2:11



Today in the town  
of David a Saviour has  
been born to you; he is  
the Messiah, the Lord

## ABSENCES

If your child is absent,  
would you please use the  
absence email address -  
[abence@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk](mailto:abence@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk)

(giving name, class and  
detailed description) or  
telephone the school  
office to let them know.  
Thank you