



*Welcome to Year 2*  
*2023-2024*

# TEACHERS

*Class Teachers - Miss Downie*

*Teaching Assistants - Mrs Powner  
and Miss Copeland*

# Start and End times of the day

The school day starts at 8:30

The school day ends at 3:00

Please ask at the school office for more information around wraparound care

Please ensure that children are on time for the start of the day.

Should children not be collected at the end of the day on time, they will be placed in the wrap around care at 3.10pm and parents will be charged at the usual rate, depending on the time of collection.

# Uniform

- All children must present in the correct uniform each day.
- Please label all items of uniform including ties and shoes.
- Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines. Appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2). Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times using a small bow or bobble (in school colours) . Highlights/Lowlights are not permitted. **Small** bows or hair bands may be worn.
- Earrings are not permitted.
- Please bring a water bottle each day and remember to take these home each day to be cleaned. Please label the bottle with your child's name.

# *Class Saint*

Each class has a representative Class Saint who guides us and inspires us during the year.

Our class Saint is St Therese of Lisieux  
We will celebrate her feast day on October 1<sup>st</sup>.



# Curriculum

- RE is taught at least twice a week. The Catholic Faith with its values and virtues run through and underpin the whole curriculum.
- Mathematics and English are taught daily.
- Each half term/term, we will study a book which will drive our writing forward.
- The first activity of the day is Arithmetic based. This is completed as soon as the children sit down at the start of the day hence the importance of punctuality.
- Guided Reading is taught daily and focuses on comprehension, inference, finding and recording evidence and making links across texts.
- Children will use enquiry based learning in all foundation subject areas

# Curriculum

Each half term, we will have a new learning focus in Year 2 to inspire our learning across the curriculum. Children will be given many opportunities to build on their prior knowledge and will use 'big questions' to help guide their learning.

This year, we will focus on the following areas in our History and Geography units:

**Autumn 1:** *Nursing - Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole*

**Autumn 2:** *Where in the world do we live?*

**Spring 1:** *The British Monarchy*

**Spring 2:** *Where would you like to live?*

**Summer 1:** *Pottery*

**Summer 2:** *All around the town!*

# *Daily Homework*

Children are expected to read every day and have their diary signed by an adult in the school reading diary. This is checked daily and books are then changed weekly.

Children are expected to practise their spellings each week, as often as possible. We will test these weekly on a \_\_\_\_\_.



*Our Mission Statement is:*

*"Love One Another as I Have Loved You."*

Our School Rules are:

- ▶ Respect for God
- ▶ Respect for others
- ▶ Respect for other people's property and belongings
- ▶ Respect for yourself

It is important all our children know the mission statement and school rules and can talk about them when discussing behaviour. Our Recognition Board helps children to see that their kind actions are noticed and valued.

# P.E

Children will have 2 hours of P.E every week.  
Our PE Day this half term is Tuesday.

**For this half term, children are expected to come to school with their PE kit in a kit bag.** We encourage children to leave their PE kits in school during the week.

All children must have correct school PE kit in school on PE days. This includes suitable footwear and clothing that follows school guidelines and is suitable for the weather.

P.E days may change each half term .

# *National Testing*

SATs tests take place in May. They are nothing to worry about, and the children seem to enjoy the challenge of the SATs each year.

The results from the SATs tests are used for teacher assessment, to help us determine whether each child is working at, or working towards, the expected standards.

# Staying Safe Online

Please talk to your children about how they can be safe when using the internet and any device. We will work in school on this message too.

**Be smart on the internet**

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www.childnet.com

**S SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

**M MEETING** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

**A ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

**R RELIABLE** Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

**t TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.   
You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

**KidSMART** Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

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# *Other useful information*

- Curriculum overviews will be uploaded to our class page on the school website half termly.
- Homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.
- Key dates will be available on the school website and on other letters. The newsletter will be published each half term.
- Children do not need to bring pencil cases in to school as all stationery will be provided by school.
- Children can bring a healthy snack for break time.

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# *Thank you*

Thank you for your support - together we will ensure that your children achieve their very best and make the most of every learning opportunity they have here at St Wilfrid's.

Should you need to contact me, please make an appointment via the school office.