

Anniversary Celebrations

This year the school celebrates its 30th Anniversary since it opened in February 1990. To commemorate this, some special events will be held throughout the year. You may be already be aware that a “pop up” circus will take place on Saturday 16th May 2020 at St. Margaret Ward. In addition to this, a special Mass will take place (date and time to be confirmed). We will also be inviting ex members of staff to an afternoon in school to see how it has changed and developed.

Spring Term Diary Dates

See separate sheet.

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St Wilfrid's Newsletter



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TERM DATES

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February
Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of you after the Christmas holiday. I hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas time. It has been wonderful to welcome back our pupils. They look fully rested and have been eager to continue with their learning. We are looking forward to a wonderful new year ahead.

We welcome back Mrs. Stewart who has returned from her secondment. She has now assumed the role of Acting Deputy at our school.

In two weeks, Mrs Catchpole will commence her maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to the news of her new arrival. Her baby is due in February. In her absence, Mrs Stewart will take on the role of SENDCo and Miss Porter will teach the Year 4 class until Mrs Catchpole returns. Miss Porter has worked closely with Mrs Catchpole throughout the Autumn term to ensure that there is a smooth transition for the children.

Mrs Ray visited the school before Christmas with her beautiful baby son, Stanley. Both mum and baby are well.

Catholic Life

Values and Virtues

Compassionate and Loving

This half term, our focus for 'Values and Virtues' will be 'compassionate and loving'. Children will be learning about ways in which these can be used to develop spiritual, moral, vocational, social and cultural development.

Attendance and Punctuality –Please ensure that your child is in school on time and ready to start the day. It can be unsettling for both the child involved and the whole class when pupils arrive late. When reporting absences, please contact the school office. Do not inform the teacher via the dojo. Currently, the national average for school attendance is 96% and at the present time, St. Wilfrid's attendance is 96.1%. Please continue to support us with attendance.

Keeping your child safe- please be sure to visit the parent section of our website for information regarding on-line safety and the age restrictions that exist for social media sites so that you can find out more about how to keep pupils safe.

Celebration Assemblies

The Celebration assemblies are now taking place on Friday afternoons. Each Key Stage assembly will be on alternative weeks. KS2 celebration assemblies will take place on:

Friday 10th January

Friday 24th January

Friday 7th February. (All will take place at 2.40pm and will finish in time for pupils to gather their belongings and coats before the end of the day).

FS and KS1 assemblies will take place on:

Friday 17th January

Friday 31st January

Friday 14th February. (All will take place at 2.40pm and will finish in time for pupils to gather their belongings and coats before the end of the day).

Times Tables Rock Stars

All pupils in school (Y1-6) should have now received a password for Times Tables Rock Stars. This is a fabulous, fun resource which enables children to learn their times tables. Pupils can access the activities out of school as well as in school.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads at home each night during the school week. Just a few minutes of reading each night greatly benefits pupils as it improves their fluency and develops their love of reading. This is now an expectation in most schools. Mrs Forrester will be presenting a reading workshop for parents on how to support children with their reading, where she will share lots of fun reading activities which you can do with your child. This will take place on Tuesday 21st January at 3.30pm. Please do try to attend.

Parking

Please ensure you park sensibly around the school grounds. We have very good relationships with our local residents and the Methodist Church and hope that courteous parking will ensure this remains so.

PTFA Meeting - The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th January at 7pm in the Crypt at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to attend.

Dogs on site- please note that dogs should not be on the school premises. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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