

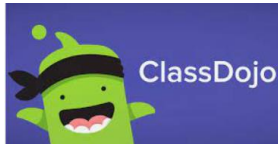
Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our first term at St. Wilfrid's.

I hope that you have all had a great summer and that your children are looking forward to starting school with us. Here is some key information that I hope you will find helpful.



Most importantly timings: our school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.30pm.



Home / school communication: We use class dojo to communicate with parents so please follow the link below to connect to our class group. This will ensure that you receive the latest messages and information about what we have been up to in school.

<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=C3XNU2F>



PE is one of the prime areas in the early years curriculum so we will be taking part in lots of physical activities throughout the week. Our designated PE lesson with Mr Devivo is on a Monday so this is the day that your child will need to come to school in their PE kits. Our second PE lesson is movement in the hall where children will just take off their shoes and socks. See over for PE kit list in uniform information.

This year we are starting Forest Schools sessions in Foundation. These will be on a Thursday afternoon and children will need to bring to school a pair of welly boots to change into. They will also need a waterproof coat.



Each day your child will need to bring to school their water bottle (named) and book bag.



They will choose books to bring home that you can read and enjoy with them. This is to help develop their vocabulary and love of books, we ask that you record the books that you have read to your child in their reading diary. We will then track their daily reads at home on individual reading tracks at the front of diaries and celebrate when they reach multiples of 10.

During the first half term we will start sending home reading scheme books for your child to read to you. These start with no words (where your child will tell their own story using the pictures) and progress to words that are made up of the sounds that your child has learnt and will therefore be able to practise their reading. This is a different way of reading and sharing books at home which we started last year as part of our new reading scheme: Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. There will be a meeting with more information about this on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm. We hope that you are able to attend.



Every day your child is entitled to a free piece of fruit. They also receive daily free milk until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Once your child has turned 5 if you would like them to continue to have school milk you need to register and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



The Teaching Assistants in our class are Mrs Harrison (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Adlington-Noall (Thursday-Friday). As Assistant Head I am out of class on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, these sessions are covered by Mrs Pregon. Our first topic is 'Rhyme Time' where we will be linking our learning to a different rhyme each week starting with Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

### School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform at St. Wilfrid's and our children always look super smart. Here is a reminder of what it includes:



Mid grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress  
Blue shirt (long or short-sleeved) and school tie  
Mid grey v-necked jumper or cardigan with the school logo  
Black shoes with grey socks or tights

In the Summer Term and the beginning of Autumn Term children have the option to wear blue and white checked summer dresses, together with blue, black or white closed sandals and white socks. They also have the option to wear shorts. If shorts are worn, the tie may be removed during the last half term of the school year.



### PE

All children require a P.E. kit comprising a white button polo shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. Children may wear a plain navy tracksuit when the weather is cold.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school with the exception of plain ear studs for children with pierced ears. For safety reasons please take out your child's earrings on PE days or send in plasters to cover them up. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please make sure that it is done at the start of the summer holidays. No other jewellery is allowed.

Make-up, including nail varnish is considered to be inappropriate for primary school children and must not be worn. Plain 'Alice' type bands or 'scrunchies' are acceptable in school colours.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named.

Important dates for your diary will be sent out on the school newsletters and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards  
Mrs McCoulough