

ST WILFRID'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2022

UPCOMING DATES

September

14th Choir starts

14th Year 5 and 6 Colonel Frank Seeley parents open evening

16th New parents coffee morning

19th Year 6 Safety Zone visit

20th F2 Phonics evening

22nd Year 6 visit Holocaust Centre

23rd Whole school photographs

29th Parent School Asso Meeting

October

3rd Year 5 Saxon Day

14th Year 2 Harvest festival 9:45am

14th School ramble

14th Last day of half term

November

4th Dog's Trust workshop

10th Y6 church service

18th Y1 visit Mansfield museum

December

1st/ 2nd Key Stage 2 visit to Hartington

8th Y1 and 2 panto

14th KS 1 nativity in church

15th Foundation nativity in church

19th KS2 carol service in church

21st Last day of term

January

4th First day of term



A MESSAGE FROM MR NORTH...

We were all saddened by the news that came yesterday evening. This morning, we held a short worship in school where we remembered the Queen, and prayed together, giving thanks for her incredible service to Britain. Over the next few days, we will support the pupils, as the country marks the Queen's reign.

Yesterday had been a very special day, as The Tour of Britain visited Calverton, with Key Stage 2 pupils enjoying watching the cyclists pass through. The atmosphere in the village was unique – hopefully the event will have inspired the children to consider taking up cycling, or another sport, in the near future. I have no doubt the children will remember the day for some time to come.

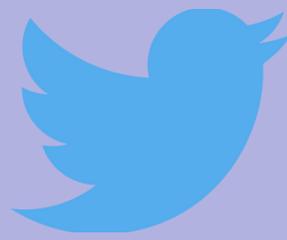
Have a peaceful weekend.

Mr North

**Remember to
check out our
social media
pages for
updates**



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SCHOOL HOURS

The hours of school are 8:45 KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) and 8:50 KS 1 (Years R, 1 and 2). School finishes at 3:25 in KS 2 and 3:30 KS 1.



WELLIES AND COATS

Please ensure children have a coat and wellies in school for use at breaktimes. We like to use the field whenever possible, but children do need suitable footwear.



LABELLING CLOTHING

Please do label any items of clothing your child is likely to take off, including coats and PE kits. By labelling jumpers and shirts, it is more likely we are able to return lost items to their owners.



GOLDEN BOX

Today, we held our first Golden Box assembly of the school year. Each class chose 1 or 2 children to be rewarded for an outstanding aspect of their time in school this week. This may relate to outstanding work, showing care for others, or going above and beyond normal expectations. In addition to these children, teachers will often identify children whose behaviour and approach in the classroom has been outstanding. Where chosen, children will receive a certificate, and 2 house points.

BOOK FAIR

The book fair is back at St Wilfrid's. It will arrive on Thursday 22nd September and remain with us for a week. We are trying to establish whether we can arrange card payments rather than cash only. We will keep you updated with progress on this.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

From Year 2 onwards, we have Times Tables Rocks Stars which is an online game to help children become more fluent in their multiplications. Learning times tables up to 12x12 is so important as this knowledge is a vital part of maths. We strongly encourage children to spend 5-10 minutes a day on the game. This year, we will be printing off certificates when children reach a new 'Rock Status'. In order to earn a certificate, your child will need to access the 'studio' tab and play within this area. After 10 games, your child's average speed is calculated.



Your class teacher will have provided passwords to the children to allow them to access. If you have any issues logging in, please do alert a member of staff who can help.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022



Last year, we developed our connection with Calverton Library. Every class had an opportunity to visit with Year 3 visiting on a weekly basis. On our return to the library this week, we were thrilled to hear that St Wilfrid's children made up the majority of those taking part in the summer reading challenge. If your child took part, please send them in on Monday 12th September with their certificates so that we can make a fuss of them in Monday's worship.

PSA (Parents School Association)

Our Parents Association AGM takes place on the 29th September at 7pm in school. For parents new to school, the PSA organise a number of community events and fund raising initiatives that families enjoy, and that raise valuable funds for school. We will warmly welcome all parents to this meeting.

Queen Elizabeth II



Yesterday, we learnt of the sad passing of our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. This year, St Wilfrid's celebrated her Platinum Jubilee, which marked one of the first opportunities since COVID that we were able to invite parents in to school, to look at the events that had taken place throughout her 70 year reign. Today, we met together in worship to say a prayer and have a time of reflection to give our thanks to her majesty.

Although the Queen was 96, her passing will no doubt still come as a shock to many. For the vast majority of the community, she is the only monarch we have ever known.

Inevitably, some children may have questions about her death and it may stir up emotions of loss. There are many charities and organisations you can access to help support your child through this time. The DFE recommends MindED (<https://www.minded.org.uk/>) as a source of information.

Staff at St Wilfrid's will be discussing ways in which we can commemorate the life of Queen Elizabeth II over the coming weeks.