



St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many people in non-uniform today, and wearing odd socks – supporting two excellent causes. For once, I didn't have to waste 20 minutes searching for a pair of socks in the morning! The theme of anti-bullying is 'one kind word' where the school community have been encouraged to say kind things to each other – just one kind word can make such a difference to somebody's day.

I would therefore like to say a huge thank you to the whole staff team, who have worked so hard over the last few weeks to give the very best care and support to pupils. From the cleaning and site staff, dinner staff and office team, to teachers and TA's, the staff work incredibly hard to provide the best care and support for our pupils in what can be challenging times. I know parents and carers value their efforts enormously.

Parent / Carers Questionnaire

So far we have had 38 responses to our parent questionnaire. It would be really good to get that number closer to 100 (there are over 400 parent / carers). Paper copies can be picked up from the office, or can be accessed by clicking the link below. Most parents and carers complete the questionnaire anonymously – it should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yGAIF_zAE0GbGGRwaCboE2Mf_gz2nE5AIHJHwSWNFVVUNkw2SUFIODZLUU1QSENGWIMxQVNITVBFVi4u

Please aim to complete the questionnaire by Tuesday 23rd November. Thank you.

School Raffle

The PSA have asked for donations for our school raffle this year – the more donations we get, the better the prizes. The PSA have asked for a colour theme, so if you can find donations that link to your child's year group colour, that would be great. They are ideally looking for foods, drinks and toiletries, but donations of any colour would be very welcome.

THESE CAN BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL ANY DAY NEXT WEEK – IDEALLY ASAP

The colours are:

Year R: Red **Year 1:** Orange **Year 2:** Pink **Year 3:** Green **Year 4:** Blue **Year 5:** Gold **Year 6:** Purple

Raffle ticket books will be sent home this evening. Prizes already announced are a return crossing for a car and 9 people to Calais or Dunkirk, a meal for 10 at Bistro Live, Ice skating and Nottingham castle passes. Tickets are only 50p each.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations for the poppy appeal, which raised £199.35 for this brilliant cause

School lunches

Can I apologise on behalf of the catering service for the lack of a hot dinner earlier this week and at the end of last. The catering service have managed to find a relief team to cover absence temporarily; the cook should be back next week, and hopefully normal service should be in place for the rest of this year.



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Christmas Events

I will send an update regarding various Christmas activities and events at the start of next week – please look out for this.

SENCO change

In January, Mrs Griffiths will be stepping down from her role as SENCO. She will continue teaching in Year 5. Mrs Haley, who has been working closely with Mrs Griffiths over the last few months, will be taking over this role in January, with Mrs Griffiths being available in school to offer informal help around transitioning into the role.

Covid Cases

We do have a small number of covid cases in school, but below the number considered an outbreak by the government. However, please do look out for covid symptoms amongst pupils, and arrange a pcr test for your child if necessary – in one local school shortly before half term, around 20% of pupils had covid, showing how the virus can spread when it becomes established. Therefore, please do look out for symptoms, and get your child a pcr test when they have them

Ilam Parents Meeting

We had an excellent, socially distanced, attendance at our Ilam parent's event last night – thank you to those able to attend. If you do have any questions about the visit, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Dates for the diary

Dates	Event
December 2nd and 3rd	Ilam residential visit
3rd December	Village Christmas lights switch on 4:30pm
8th December	2pm and 6:30pm – Carol Concert KS 2 (please await for information about event)
10th December	Year 1 and 2 visit Mansfield Palace Theatre for Sleeping Beauty
10th December	Carols around the tree (outdoor Christmas carols event) info to follow
13th and 14th December	Nativity – KS 1 (please await further information)
15th December	Christmas jumper day
17th December	School breaks up for Christmas
4th January	School re-opens for Spring term

Have a lovely weekend.

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