



St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It seems incredible that we have reached the end of what has been a very busy term. It ended perfectly this morning with a carol service on the field. Following on from the carol services from the junior children, and the Chrstingle services last week, it has been a special time in school. We were fortunate to be able to hold the services in church, after having no audiences last year, and I know the children benefited enormously from these experiences – we hope you enjoyed them.

Thank you for your brilliant support for school during what has been a challenging year for everyone. Let's hope we can all return to something a bit more like normal in the new year.

Covid arrangements

The picture nationally with regard to covid is obviously of some concern. Whilst school closures would appear unlikely, the picture can change rapidly. We will start the spring term in bubbles, as we are presently (unless the government guidance causes a change of plan). If there are any significant changes, we will email parents, so please do check emails shortly before the return to school.

Could I ask parents / carers to email the school office if any children receive a positive covid test at any stage in the holidays.

Photographs

I have some brilliant photographs and a couple of recordings from the Christingles and carol services. I will circulate these in the new year, as it will take a while to check them. In the meantime, a few will be posted on the school's website.

Staffing

Mr Norris, who has been teaching in Year 4, is leaving St Wilfrid's at the end of term. I would like to thank him for his work teaching Year 4, and wish him well for the future. Mrs Griffiths is stepping down as SEND Coordinator. I would like to thank her for her exceptional work in this role over the last few years. Mrs Haley will be taking over this responsibility. Finally, in the office, Mrs Lincoln recently moved to a post at another local school. We wish her well for the future.

Zach Bailey

Please keep Zach and his family in your thoughts and prayers over Christmas.

Christingle

I am certain those parents / carers able to attend the Christingle thoroughly enjoyed the services. For many children, it was the first time they had read or sung in front of an adult audience, but you would never have guessed. We were incredibly proud of all the children, and I know they thoroughly enjoyed both performing and rehearsing.

Year 3,4,5 and 6 Carol service

What a special end to the term the Junior children provided at St Wilfrid's Church this week. Usually, I understand the carol service is a whole key stage event, but it worked brilliantly with separate year groups. The singing was absolutely incredible – simply breath-taking. The children had relatively little time to prepare, but you would not have guessed. We were very proud of them all.



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Parent Questionnaire

Please find below the results of our recent parent questionnaire. In addition to the statistical data below, we had many really helpful comments which I will feedback further on in the new year. All the information will help school and Governors identify areas of strength and areas we can work on to help St Wilfrid's development. One particular area we will look to provide more information about, is how progress is measured, and how well children are doing.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Percentage Agree or strongly agree (not including unsure)	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Percentage Disagree or strongly disagree (not counting unsure)	Unsure
My child is making good progress at this school	20	22	42 78%	7	5	12 22%	6
My child feels safe at St Wilfrid's	35	20	55 93%	4	0	4 7%	1
My child is making good progress at this school	21	22	43 80%	7	4	11 20%	6
My child is well looked after at this school	29	23	52 91%	5	0	5 9%	3
My child is taught well at this school	22	19	41 82%	7	2	9 18%	10
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	15	30	45 78%	10	3	13 22%	2
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	19	34	53 96%	2	0	2 4%	5



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The school deals effectively with bullying	9	20	29 72%	7	4	11 28%	20
The school is well led and managed	14	30	44 88%	4	2	6 12%	10
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	18	27	45 79%	7	5	12 21%	3
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	11	23	34 60%	14	9	23 40%	3
The Governing Body carries out its role effectively	9	21	30 88%	3	1	4 12%	26
Would you recommend the school to another parent?	43 (Yes)		43 83%	9 (No)		9 17%	8

PSA

Thank you to all members of the PSA for their hard work this year on behalf of the school. Whilst the activities have had to be curtailed somewhat, they have still managed to organise and run a number of fund raising activities. This week, we drew the raffle in school – prize winners have been notified via email and should collect their prize from school as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

Other Christmas Activities

There has been a huge amount going on across school in the last few days. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties and watched a Christmas film. Junior aged children enjoyed extensive Christmas forest school activities, whilst all children have enjoyed various arts and crafts activities. Hopefully, they have had a brilliant time in school over the Christmas period.

School Vision / Mission Statement

Thankyou for your feedback with regard to our mission and vision statement. We will pick up this work with the children early in the new year and will keep parents and carers informed of progress.

Aspiring to Excellence Fostering Creativity Promoting Christian Practices Realising Potential



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Christmas Dinner

Thank you to Mrs Whiting in the kitchen for the wonderful Christmas dinner served up on Wednesday – it was fabulous. Amazingly, even the brussels tasted great!

Dates for the diary

Dates	Event
17th December	School breaks up for Christmas
4th January	School re-opens for Spring term
10th February	Pupils break up for half term
11th February	INSET day
21st February	School opens following half term

Have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas.

Mark North

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