



## St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### Year 4 lead remembrance

The Year 4 pupils led our remembrance service at St Wilfrid's Church this week. The children gave a moving presentation which provided information about the sacrifice made by soldiers, and interesting information about the poppy itself. The pupils, both in the audience and presentation, were exemplary; we were all very proud of them.

### Parents Evening

Parents evening seemed to go very smoothly last night and on Tuesday. Thankyou for following the guidelines carefully – it was very much appreciated by the teachers, and the vast majority of parents were able to meet with teachers either in person or virtually. We hope the discussion was valuable – I plan to update Year 3 parents next week.

### School Visioning Event

We were very pleased to welcome over 50 parents and carers to our visioning event last week. I will provide more detailed feedback once we have received the results of our parent questionnaire (see below).

The following is a brief summary of the main outcomes from the 3 groups. Participants were asked to identify values that are reflected well at St Wilfrid's currently, together with identifying a similar number that could be improved upon or seen as aspirations. The following feedback was received:

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Strengths	Community links Welcoming and inclusive Caring Pupils are supported Resilience of pupils	Community links Relationships Respect Supportive ethos Attentive	Community links Fostering and nurturing Opportunities Family values Responsible pupils
Aspirations	Doing your best Communication Transition Develop pupils curiosity More consistency	Consistency and communication Passion to learn Pupil confidence Be loving and kind (Do unto others....) Equality and Inclusion	Consistency and communication Striving to be better Individual approach Fun and experiences Inclusive Open to change



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Some of the feedback did not directly relate to school values, but it will be incredibly useful in helping school move forward. As you will see from above, some common themes were identified, which governors and senior leaders in school have already discussed.

Following receipt of the parent and carers questionnaires, we will provide a more detailed evaluation, and inform parents of next steps.

### **Parent / Carers Questionnaire**

The link below will take parents and carers to our questionnaire. The first part of this is similar to the questionnaire Ofsted would use when inspecting schools, followed by questions linked to our school vision, and an opportunity for parents to provide general feedback.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yGAIF\\_zAE0GbGGRwaCboE2Mf\\_qz2nE5AIHJHwSWNFVVUNkw2SUFIODZLUU1QSENGWIMxQVNITVBFVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yGAIF_zAE0GbGGRwaCboE2Mf_qz2nE5AIHJHwSWNFVVUNkw2SUFIODZLUU1QSENGWIMxQVNITVBFVi4u)

Copying the link into your browser, or pressing ctrl and the link, should enable you to complete the questionnaire. If parents would prefer, paper copies will be available from the school office from Monday.

Please aim to complete the questionnaire by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Thankyou.

### **New Intake**

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022, you should shortly receive a pack explaining how to choose a school place.

### **School Ramble**

We raised £248.55 for Children in Need during the ramble and teddy bear hunt last week. Thankyou for your generous donations. And thankyou to the PSA who sold hot dogs at the end of the event.

### **School lunches**

Can I apologise on behalf of the catering service for the lack of a hot dinner today and yesterday. Due to a late notification of absence, they were unable to provide a hot meal – I am hoping that normal service will be resumed on Monday, but am unable to confirm this presently. If we are made aware on Monday morning that a cold meal will be provided again, we will text parents as soon as possible, in case a home made packed lunch is preferred.

### **Christmas Events**

We are planning a number of Christmas events and activities – we are waiting to see how the covid situation evolves before deciding on audience numbers etc. Further information will be sent as soon as possible.

### **Exciting news - Mrs Henson**

I am pleased to let parents know that Mrs Henson, class teacher in Year 1, is expecting a baby in the new year. I will let parents know of plans to cover her post as soon as I am able.



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### Covid Cases

Compared to most schools, we still have low numbers of covid cases – since half term I have been made aware of two. Staff are aware that there are always likely to be asymptomatic cases in school, and so try to exercise caution, whilst providing as normal a provision as we can.

### Dates for the diary

Forthcoming dates	Event
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Ilam parents meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – non uniform day
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Village Christmas light switch on 4.00pm. Choir singing from 3.45pm.
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ilam residential visit
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Village Christmas Fair at the Village Hall 10.00am – 4.00pm. PSA providing food and choir singing at 11.00am.
8 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm and 6:30pm – Carol Concert KS 2 (please await for information about event)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 visit Mansfield Palace Theatre for Sleeping Beauty
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols around the tree (outdoor Christmas carols event)
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity – KS 1 (please await further information)
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	School breaks up for Christmas
4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens for Spring term

Have a lovely weekend.

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