



St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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School Update 10th September 2021

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Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a fantastic first full week in school. The children have all made a great start; I have been particularly impressed with the positive start made by our youngest pupils. They have shown a grown up, mature approach in their first few days at St Wilfrid's, which bodes very well for the future.

Please find below a number of updates:

School Worship

It has been brilliant having 'live' in person worship in school again. For the time being, we have made all worship separate key stage sessions to allow more space for class groups to keep physically distanced from each other. We will keep this decision under review, before hopefully moving to some whole school worship in due course.

On Wednesday, Reverend Sam led our Key Stage 2 worship session, speaking with the children about making a fabulous start to the year. Next week, Key Stage 1 will take part in a similar session with Sam.

This afternoon, Key Stage 2 children also enjoyed our first Golden Box assembly of the year. Children from each class were recognised for their achievements linked to our school values:

- Aspiring to Excellence
- Fostering Creativity
- Promoting Christian Practices
- Realising Potential

Houses

As most parents will be aware, children are divided into 4 houses, and score house points towards their team's total. Last year, Ash House scored the most points; congratulations to members of this team.

The Playbrary

We are planning to open 'The Playbrary' playtime system next week, managed by the Year 6 pupils. The system operates with children being allocated a card they can exchange for a piece of playtime equipment to use at breaks. When they return the item, they receive their card back.

School Uniform

It has been brilliant seeing children looking so smart in school this term. I was told that last year, with the various changes to normal operations, sometimes uniforms and appearances could become a little untidy, which was certainly understandable. However, when children look smart – they seem to think smarter! Thankyou for all your help.



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Year 6 and the Vikings

'Partake' visited school last week to provide a Vikings' workshop as part of their work in this area. During the day, the children held and tried on Viking armour (it was incredibly heavy). They studied Viking settlements, considering the types of locations Vikings would have settled. They enjoyed Viking crafts such as weaving, making hack silver bracelets and pottery.

In the afternoon, children took part in a drama, where they were part of a Viking raid, followed by, sadly, a Viking funeral. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day; it made a great start to their work in this area.

Traffic around school

I have spent a little time before and after school observing traffic and parking around the school site – I have already been approached by a local resident who reported a near miss close to school this week. The road and areas near the school are incredibly busy, and it is important all of us help keep the area as safe as possible. With classes starting and finishing at similar times, there is likely to be increased congestion outside of school. Therefore:

- Please park away from the immediate area whenever you can – walk to school if possible – use local car parks where possible.
- Please remind children about taking care when crossing roads.
- If driving near school, please drive extremely slowly.

Thank you for your support.

Parent Association

The Parent School Association annual general meeting takes place on September 23rd at 7:30pm at school. All parents are warmly invited to attend. We are planning to hold the meeting in the school hall, though are keeping this decision under review.

Covid Update:

Please make sure you follow the latest guidance with regard to Covid. If your child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus, they should not come to school, but should have a PCR test. Remember, symptoms in children are often very mild, but it is important we minimise the risk of children passing the virus on to others. I am already aware of several cases of Covid in local schools.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



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- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. [Check if people you live with need to self-isolate.](#)

Forthcoming Dates

16th September	Year 6 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church – Year 6 parents are welcome to attend
23rd September	PSA 7:30pm – School hall – all welcome
8th October	Year 2 lead our Harvest festival – Year 2 parents welcome to attend
14th October	School breaks up for half term
15th October	School closed – INSET day
1st November	School re-opens

Have a great weekend.

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