

ST WILFRID'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2023

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly each half term flies by. - we now find ourselves only a couple of weeks away from the October holiday.

There has been such a lot going on across school since we returned. In order to keep you more updated with what is happening, we are adding a section on the newsletter which just gives you an insight into what else happens other than in your own child's class.

Yesterday, our Year 4 class conducted the first Church service of the year on the theme of new beginnings. The children were incredibly confident, speaking articulately and with good expression.

Our links to St Wilfrid's Church are very special and yesterday's service was one of many planned in the diary.

A reminder that we have a number of clubs happening on various nights. Please do speak to Mrs Porter should your child wish to book on. At the moment we have Mansfield Town FC, Mr Devivo delivering cricket club, Yoga, Minecraft and Choir, in addition to football at lunchtimes.

After half term we are looking to add a writing and science club.

Mark North

Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

October

19th Last day of half term for pupils 20th INSET Day

November

6th Children return to school

8th Year 5 residential visit begins

9th Year 6 Church service- remembrance

17th Children in Need- non school uniform

21st Road Safety workshops

28th Mansfield Museum

30th Year 6 DART graduation

December

1st Christmas Fair

1st Life Education Parenting Course

5th Flu vaccination

8th Disco

12th Foundation Nativity

13th & 14th KS1 Nativity

15th Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas

Dinner

18th Visiting Pantomime - Treasure Island

20th KS2 Carol Service (afternoon & evening)

22nd Last day of Autumn term

January

4th and 5th Inset days - school closed to pupils

8th Children return to school

Remember to check out our social media pages for updates







PARENTS EVENING

We have provided a link via Dojo for you to book a 10 minute parents evening slot on either Tuesday 17th October or Thursday 19th October.

www.parents-booking.co.uk/StwilfridsCofE

Please note that this parents evening is a settling in discussion as teachers will not have formally assessed the children until the end of the Autumn term. Further details of where meetings will be held will follow via Dojo.

If you have any issues booking a slot, please contact Mrs Porter who will be able to help.



BLUE PETER READING BADGE

Introducing the exciting new book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with the BBC by answering the questions on their website.

You can apply using the online form or by post.

https://childrens-binary.files.bbci.co.uk/childrens-binarystore/cbbc/book-badge-form-2023-v1.pdf

To earn this badge, you must:

Be aged between 5-15 years old.

Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply.

Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places. Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a

drawing, painting or even digital artwork.

Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.

If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.



CHILDREN IN NEED

This year we are going to be holding a non-school uniform on Friday 17th November. The national theme is 'SPOTacular'. If you wish to go the extra mile and go spotty then please feel free.

There will be a suggested donation of £1.



NEW WRITING CLUB

Mrs Sisson is launching a new writing club aimed at <u>Key Stage Two</u> children who have a love of writing and want more opportunities to write creatively. Through this club, we will be entering writing competitions which, if they win, your child's work will be published.

The club will run on Thursday's from 3:30-4:40 after October Half Term and will start on <u>Thursday 16th November</u>.

There is space for 18 children in the club which will be operated on a first come first served basis. If your child is unsuccessful in getting a place, they will be added to a waiting list. Please can all reply forms go to the OFFICE. Names will be added to a waiting list should there be a need.



PARENT READERS

We are looking for some help with hearing readers in class. If you could spare an hour in a week to help hear readers it would be hugely appreciated. If you think you can help, you will need to complete a DBS check. Please speak to your child's class teacher initially, who will ask Mrs Porter to make contact with you regarding information she will need.

UNIFORM

A gentle reminder that if children wear trousers and a shirt, they are required to also wear a tie. As of the 6th November, we revert back to our Winter/Spring uniform in which a tie must be worn. Please can I also remind parents about school shoes. A number of children have begun wearing trainers again which is not our uniform policy. If you wish to read our uniform policy you can find it on our website:

https://www.stwilfridsprimary.com/uniform#:~:text=The%20St.,Wilfrid's%20School%20Uniform&text=All%20children%20require%20a%20P.E.,when%20the%20weather%20is%20cold.

Jewellery will need to be removed before school on PE days.





SCHOOL CROSSING

You will have read in my previous letter that we were allocated a Crossing Patrol Officer following months of not having one. Unfortunately, during his second day in post, he was verbally abused by a road user who refused to move their car from the site at which the children cross. Therefore, we are now again without a Crossing Patrol.

I have written to the council, the Highways Agency and Councillor Boyd Elliott regarding the dangerous road layout at the bottom of our drive and appealed to them to make a number of changes.

please help reduce the risk to our children by parking away from the site. The Admiral Rodney has kindly let our parents use the car park. Also when parking, please consider residents and local businesses as we don't want to be responsible for blocking driveways or causing a loss of income as their parking spaces have been used for school drop off/ pick up.



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN CLASSES?

YEAR 3

As part of their Stone Age topic, children is Year 3 have been scavenging for resources and tools to create a quern (a simple hand mill for grinding, consisting of two circular stones) to grind peppercorns.



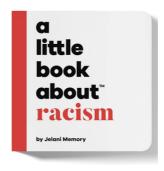
YEAR 5

Year 5 have been doing some great work on typography in art. Typography is a way of arranging letters in a creative and presentable way which grabs the attention of the reader.

Year 5 have also welcomed Deepa Vasudevan who is the head of equality and diversity at Nottinghamshire Country Council every other week to deliver an anti racism course. This is done through stories and discussion. The children throughout have made some wonderful connections to prior learning during these sessions.







YEAR 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time taking part in the Partake workshop, where they learned more about the importance of mummification in Ancienty Egyptian culture, alongside lots of other fun facts.







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FOUNDATION

In Foundation we have been busy welcoming our new children and helping them settle into life at St. Wilfrid's. We have been particularly excited to start Forest Schools this year, exploring our amazing grounds with Miss Morton and hearing all about Flora and Sneezy. (We've not seen them yet but we will keep looking!)









The Healthy Family Team

(Health Visitor & School Nurse)

FREE health advice and support for families with children aged 0-19 years living in Nottinghamshire.

ADVICE LINE: Please telephone 0300 123 5436



Text: 07520 619919

A free confidential **text** messaging service for families with children aged 0-19 years living in Nottinghamshire.

A free health website for children and families living in Nottinghamshire. www.healthforkids.co.uk



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