

ST WILFRID'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR NORTH...

It has been an exciting few weeks at St Wilfrid's, with a great deal taking place in school recently.

I must start by mentioning our Year 6 pupils who approached their SATs test this week so positively. I cannot recall a SAT's week going so smoothly, and the children should be very proud of their mature approach - I hope the children enjoyed a hard earned ice cream this afternoon.

Incidentally, Mrs Haley was equally impressed with the Year 2 pupils who also recently took their assessments. Well done to all involved. I would like to say thankyou to the staff who worked so hard to prepare the children as fully as possible for what can be challenging assessments.

We all had a great time celebrating the coronation in school last Friday - the weather certainly did not dampen our spirits during our outdoor / indoor picnic! Classes are now getting involved in activities supporting the local community which we are looking forward to telling parents / carers more about at the end of this half term.

As ever, thank you for your continued outstanding support. Have a great weekend.

Mr North and the staff at St Wilfrid's Primary School

UPCOMING DATES 18th Year 6 Bestwood Park visit

19th Coronation showcase 3pm

25th Year 1 church service

26th May Last day of half term

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5th INSET Day

6th Return to school

19th KS2 sports Day

21st Bike safety check

22nd KS1 sports day

29th Y4 Church service

29th Y6 transition morning

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3rd Year 6 Transition Day at Seely &

The Minster School

4th Year 5/6 residential

5th Year 5/6 residential

6th Year 5/6 residential

7th Year 5/6 residential return

18th Year 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

25th Last day of the school term

September

4th INSET day

5th School reopens to pupils

October

20th INSET Day

Remember to check out our social media pages for updates







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MRS HALEY

Sadly this week, we will be saying goodbye (for a while) to Mrs Haley as she leaves us to start her family. Mrs Haley was initially going to begin her maternity leave after half term but this has been brought forward by a few weeks. I know you all join me in wishing Mrs Haley a restful start to her maternity leave and we pray for the safe delivery of her baby in a few weeks time.

We are delighted that Mrs Watson has agreed to return to St Wilfrid's as not only part of the new Year 2 teaching team but also as SENCO. Mrs Watson has the good fortune of knowing many families at St Wilfrid's having taught here on and off for almost two years. Mrs Sisson will be joining Mrs Watson in Year 2 from after half term.



LIFE EDUCATION

This week, classes have had a visit from Life Education East Midlands. The sessions have been designed and are delivered in such a way to build on our existing PSHE provision. In very interactive ways, they focused on children's self esteem, ability to make informed life choices and hopefully enhancing the life skills of young people now and for their future.

SEVERN TRENT

On the 20th April, Chloe Morley from Severn Trent Water visited school and worked with each class on the topic of plastics and hydration. She conducted a whole school assembly and covered the role of Severn Trent, how plastics are a problem and the importance of water and the body.

S CLUB

If you would like to book a place for your child on the May Half Term Holiday Club, please make sure you have completed a booking form and returned it to the office. Places book up fast at the hugely popular S Club!

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GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to members of the girls' football team who have managed to win their football league - they played 4 games, winning 3 and drawing the other. The team are due to play Arno Vale in the quarter final of the Gedling competition next week.

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you for your patience as we trialled the pick up for Year's 3/4/5 from the classroom doors. What teachers were finding was that they were stopping to let parents take from multiple locations. 90 children were in the same space at once and we felt this had become unmanageable. We have decided to make the change permanent following a much calmer, safer end of the day for those classes.

UNIFORM

We will soon (hopefully) be getting in to the warmer months. Unfortunately due to the British weather, we have all been caught off guard by some heavy rain showers during the day over the last few weeks. It is important all children continue to bring a waterproof coat to school. We encourage the children to pop on wellies and continue to utilise our amazing outdoor space unless there is heavy rain. We do not have the staffing for some children to be in doors due to not having the right clothing in school.

INSET DAYS

Just a reminder, the following INSET days have been approved by governors for the 2023/2024 academic year:

Monday 4th September 2023 Friday 20th October 2023 Thursday 4th January 2024 Friday 5th January 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024

The first day for pupils to return in September is Tuesday 5th September.

CONSIDERATE PARKING

We have had a complaint from a resident on Rennals Way about parents paring over their drive way. Please can I appeal to you to be considerate and look for where drop kerbs start and end. Also, as you are aware, Via have not managed to recruit a School Crossing Patrol Officer yet. Could I ask that you avoid parking at the bottom of the drive where children cross to ensure safe passage for our pupils.



CORONATION

I'm sure many of you watched the amazing scenes from London on Saturday as King Charles III was crowned. I know of some families who braved the crowed on The Mall to get a glimpse of the King and Queen on their way to Westminster Abbey.

Friday 5th May kick started our coronation celebrations. Jane and Karen in the kitchen put on the most wonderful picnic lunch for the children. Unfortunately the weather was against us and KS2 managed about 15 minutes outside before the heavens opened and we moved the picnic to the hall.

Over the next few weeks, the classes will be continuing to learn about King Charles and his interests, including some of his patronages. We would be delighted to share their work with you on Friday 19th May. Children can be collected from 3pm onwards by parents and together walk around school looking at all the wonderful work the children have produced.

Another aspect of our tributes to the King is our participation in The Big Help Out in which we aim to give something back to our community. For example, Year 4 went yesterday to plant flowers at the Church. Year 2 wrote Jubilee cards to the elderly in the nearby home. Year 5 will be holding a cake sale to raise money for a local charity. Year 3 will be creating bird feeders using recycled materials. Foundation and Year 1 will be writing thank you cards to local heroes to thank them for their services to the community and Year 6 will be litter picking locally.

Finally, a big thank you to the PSA for providing every child with a special book mark to commemorate the occasion.



FOUNDATION PLACES

We have a couple of places left in Foundation stage for those starting school in September. If you know anyone who is without a place, please direct them to Mrs Porter who will happily show prospective parents round and help where possible to secure a place.

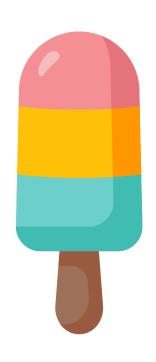


Free Funfair Rides | BBQ | Bar | Stalls | Arena Performances | Donkey Rides

On the 14th May, the village will hold its annual Village Get Together. This year the theme is 'Calverton by the Sea'. St Wilfrid's will be participating in a pirate themed dance and we encourage as many children as possible to parade with us. St Wilfrid's will also be running its own stall. Come and support us if you can! The parade will start at 11:30am from the William Lee building..

PSA

We know that everyone is stretched thin at the moment but I would like to make an appeal on behalf of the PSA for more support. The PSA is responsible for organising the summer and Christmas Fair, the school discos and selling ice lollies at the end of a hot school day to name just a few things that they do. If you are able to give up any time to support them or have any ideas on events/activities to help raise funds for school, please do make contact with them. They have a Facebook page should you wish to see what sorts of amazing events they put together.



MOBILE PHONE APPEAL

Do you have an old handset doing nothing at home?

If you have then please consider donating it to school. We would really like to provide a mobile phone to each class teacher so that they are able to post more to social media and Dojo to keep you up to date with current affairs at St Wilfrids.

Please speak to Mrs Porter if you think you are able to help.

