

# AUTUMN TERM INFORMATION FOR F2 PARENTS

Welcome to our first term at St Wilfrid's.

I hope that you have all had a great summer and that your children have enjoyed starting school with us. Here is some key information that I hope you will find helpful.

We start our day by collecting the class from the playground at 8.50am. After organising our belongings, we have registration and carpet time to introduce our activities for the day. At the end of the day (3.30pm) the children are sent out one at a time to their parent or carer on the playground. Children at S-Club are collected by a member of S-Club staff.

## What to bring:

Each day your child will need to bring to school their water bottle (named), book bag and coat.

Our PE lessons are on a Tuesday and Thursday so these are the days that your child will need to come to school in their PE kit.

## Home / school communication:

We use class dojo to communicate with parents so please follow the link below (or use the invite sent home) to connect to our class group. This will ensure that you receive the latest messages and information about what we have been up to in school.

<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=C3XNU2F>

## Reading Books

Your child will choose books to bring home that you can read and enjoy with them. This is to help develop their vocabulary and love of books. We ask that you record the books that you have read to your child in their reading diary. We will then track their daily reads at home on individual reading tracks at the front of diaries and celebrate their achievements.

During the first half term we will start sending home reading scheme books for your child to read to you. These start with no words (where your child will tell their own story using the pictures) and progress to words that are made up of the sounds that your child has learnt and will therefore be able to practise their reading. They will practise these books in group reading sessions before bringing them home. This is a different way of reading and sharing books at home which forms an essential part of our reading scheme: Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. There will be a meeting with more information about this on Monday 15th September at 5.30pm, which we hope you are able to attend.

Every day your child is entitled to a free piece of fruit. They also receive daily free milk until their 5th birthday. Once your child has turned 5 if you would like them to continue to have school milk you need to register and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Our Teaching Assistant in F2 is Mrs Adlington-Noall and Mr Quilty will also be on hand to support at the start of the day. As Assistant Head, I have non-contact time which will be covered by Mrs Watson from October half term and Miss Cousin and Mrs Streets until then.

## Parent Helpers

We are always looking for parent helpers to walk to church with us. If you can help on any of the following dates this half term please send me a message on dojo.

Wed 17th Sept – class visit at 9.30am

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – whole school church service at 9.45am

Thurs 16th Oct – whole school harvest service at 9.45am

Any help is greatly appreciated.

Our first two important dates for your diary are:

Thursday 11th September – Parents coffee and chat at 2.30pm

Monday 15th September – New parents reading meeting at 5.30pm

Further dates will be sent out on the school newsletters and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards, Mrs McCoulough