

Absence

Four weeks into term and already our school attendance is still lower than it should be **95.6%**.

Well done to Year 3 the best attenders again this month.

% Attendance in October							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.5%	97.6%	93.6%	95.4%	97.9%	96.2%	95.9%	91%

5 MINS LATE EVERY DAY	ADDS UP TO 3 DAYS LOST OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR
10 MINS LATE EVERY DAY	6.5 DAYS LOST
15 MINS LATE EACH DAY	10 DAYS LOST

Breakfast Club is on everyday (open from 7.45am) some families find aiming for an earlier start time helps.

School Dinners

If you want your child to start or stop having school lunches, parents must contact the school office giving at least 1 week notice. This term we've found out children have stopped having dinners without anyone knowing and the kitchens have still catered for them. We can't accommodate frequent changes, so please make changes for a at least a full half term.

Parking

We've witnessed some extremely dangerous driving and parking in the last few weeks. Reversing into pedestrian areas, people are still stopping on the Zig Zags, letting children out into the road and parking over residents drives.

Our primary focus is keeping all of our children safe - sadly some parents aren't acting safely to support this. We've spoken to the authorities and hopefully we'll have some visits from the Police and Parking team and tickets will be issued.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

Dinner Money

For children from Years 3-6 on school meals, dinners are now £10.25 per week. If you would like to use Parent Pay please contact the school Office for details. Please keep up to date with payments. Any cash brought into school must be in an **envelope clearly marked with the child's name, amount and what it is for.**

PTA

Mrs Short has organised our PTA for many years and helped organise events. We are truly grateful for everything she's done but we need to look forward to the coming years when she won't be with school as Anna is now in Year 6. We need a group of parents who are willing to take on this role. If you'd be interested in helping with the PTA please contact Miss Sands and we'll arrange a meeting to plan how we can develop the PTA further.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) – Playtime Improvements

We're introducing OPAL in school, improving the activities available for the children at playtimes. We have some space to store donations so if anyone is having a 'clear out' we'll take the following.

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Dressing Up Clothes
- 'Small World Toys' - cars, animals, dinosaurs, small dolls items for imaginative play
- Anything on wheels/castors
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tools like spades, trowels and brooms
- Buckets
- Nets and ropes
- Old Keyboards
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric) / Old Tents
- Foam sheets / body boards
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
- Pegs (to help to set up dens)

Thanks.

Scooter Time

Children can still bring their scooters at playtimes. If your child has a helmet please bring it with the scooter. The children have the same each week

Monday - Year 6 ; Tuesday - Year 4 ; Wednesday -Year 3 ; Thursday -Year 5 ; Friday -Years 1&2

Clothing

Black school shoes not trainers are to be worn for school.

ALL CLOTHES SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

If it's not labelled we can't guarantee to return it.

IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS SOMEONE ELSE'S CLOTHES HOME - PLEASE RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL.

ALL PUPILS SHOULD HAVE A PE Kit in school each week - White T-Shirt and black shorts.

Diary dates

Be aware some dates may change throughout the term. We'll update them every newsletter and by text if needed.

Friday 9 th November	Remembrance Liturgy 2.30pm All welcome
Friday 16 th November	Children In Need Day - non uniform £1 donation
12 - 16 th November	Anti - Bullying Week
Tuesday 20 th November	Starlight Bag Collection - any unwanted clothes please.
19 th - 23 rd November	Re-Cycling Week
Tues 27th & Wed 28th November	Parent Evenings
Friday 30 th November	Christingle Celebration 1.45pm at St Mary's Church - All welcome
5 th and 6 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances Specific times to be decided later in the term.
Friday 7 th December	First Steps Christmas Performance
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Coffee Afternoon
Monday 17 th December	Year 5/6 Christmas party
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 1/2 Christmas party
Wednesday 19 th December	9.30am Whole School Mass St Mary's Church Year 3/4 Christmas party
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas liturgy 2.15pm First Steps Christmas Party Last day of term.
Monday 7 th January 2019	School re-opens for the Spring term.
Wednesday 9 th January	9.30am Mass St Mary's Church

In November, We Remember

Through November all classes are looking at Remembrance. We also have our 'Trees of Remembrance' in the hall to display names of all our families and friends who have died.



LIFE AT ST WILFRID'S

First Steps
Art work looking at Autumn

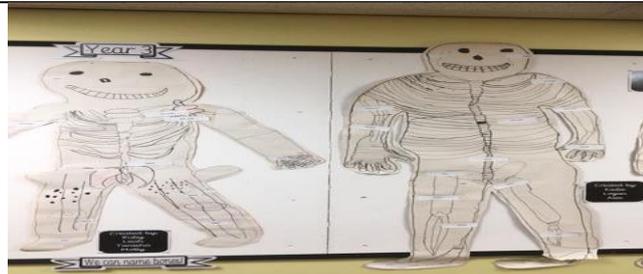


Year 1 had a great visit to the Bowes Museum. We looked at the old toys and talked about how toys have changed. We had an opportunity to play with a selection of old toys and then we made a peg doll.



Year 2 have been stitching 'felt fish'

Year 3 created these skeletons and labelled the body parts in Science.



Year 4 studied the book 'Where The Mountain Meets The Moon'

Year 5 studied the book 'Street Child'



Year 6 did research on different spiders as part of their 'Charlotte's Web' work.