

# St. Wilfrid's Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome back everybody, and a special welcome to our new families. We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready to begin a new exciting year with us.

## Welcome New Staff

This September, we welcome new members of staff to St Wilfrid's, and some teachers have changed their role within school. Miss Taylor and Miss Walker have joined us to teach in Year 4 and Year 2. Please make them welcome. Also, Mrs Lee has moved into Year 1, while Miss Hemy has joined the First Steps team.

## Worshipping Together

Thank you to all of the children who have taken part in our family Masses over the year. Ann Wake, who helps to organise the Masses and is one of our governors, came to school at the end of term, with lots of picnic treats. All of the children who had been Mass volunteers at some point throughout the year, enjoyed a thank you picnic in the sunshine. Thanks Ann! Look out for the Family Mass dates for this year overleaf, and for letters in your child's bag.

We will also be continuing to invite parents to school to pray with us each Friday as part of their child's class worship.

The dates for each class worship are:

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - Y6

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - Y5

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - Y3

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - Y2

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - Y4

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - Y1

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Steps

We will also text to remind you when it's your child's turn. Please come!

## Behaviour Reminder

We are very proud of our children and their behaviour at St. Wilfrid's and this is rewarded each term with a whole school treat, which is always enjoyed. However, occasionally we do need to implement our behaviour policy for a small number of individuals.

Low level disruptive behaviour will result in loss of 2/5/10 mins of playtimes.

The next step is to receive a yellow or red card for persistent lower level disruption, or for single serious incidents. We are also introducing an 'Ark' in school this year. An area where children who are disruptive, will have time away from class. Time in the 'Ark' will be allocated along with yellow and red cards.

The procedure is as follows throughout the term, and remember, a new term is a new start;

1 yellow card = miss 15 minutes termly treat + Ark

2 yellow cards = miss 30 mins termly treat + Ark

Red card = miss all of the termly treat + Ark

Thank you for your support and understanding so that we can keep our children safe, happy and successful at school.



We have had a visit from the NSPCC this week, who have been giving our children important messages about staying safe and sharing their worries. They will be returning soon, to conduct workshops with Y5 and Y6. Visit their website for advice about how to help your child 'Speak out and stay safe'.

## Uniform and Kit

Can we ask that children come to school in full uniform every day and have their names written in all items. It's frustrating and time consuming looking for lost jumpers. Can we also ask that children have a PE kit in school every day (white T shirt and dark shorts), again with names. Finally, ear-rings and false nails must not be worn in school. Thank you.

## !! Playground and PTA !!

Thank you so much once again to our brilliant (but small) PTA, who have enabled us to buy more play equipment for the playground. This arrives later this month! The PTA helps school by supporting our events, like sports days and discos and also helps our children by fund raising for much needed resources for school. Please, if you could occasionally help out in any way (even as a one off, making tea or selling sweets) let Mrs Pickering know in the office or speak to Mrs Short (Anna and Zoe's Mum). Thank you in advance for your help and support.

## Dates for Your Diary

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - NSPCC Workshops Y5 and 6

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Harvest Assembly 2:30pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - Macmillan coffee afternoon 1:30pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept- French theme day (wear red, white and blue)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct - Y3 Tag rugby festival

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - Family Mass 11am St. Mary's Church

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - School photographs

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Break up for half term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Return to school

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Assessment Week. Please try to ensure your child is in school this week.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need (Wear your spots) + coffee afternoon 1:30pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Family Mass 11am St Mary's Church

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> + Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents evenings

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Halloween disco 5:30pm -7:30pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - First Steps Open Day

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Author, Paul Chadwick visits school

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Y3 and Y6 visit Bowes Museum

Remember to keep checking the website to see what we've been doing in school, and any other events or dates that come to light between newsletters.