

St. Wilfrid's Autumn 2 Newsletter



Welcome to this most special term, when we ready ourselves for Christmas, with lots of celebrations, performances and prayer. It's going to be busy!

A Sad Farewell

This term sees the end of an era at our school, when Mr Rudd leaves us to retire. He has been at the helm of St Wilfrid's for a quarter of a century and the old place will not feel the same without him. Please join us in wishing him every happiness in his very well earned retirement. He has seen lots of changes in our school and education, some wonderful, some more controversial, but we know that he takes with him, and treasures above all else, his memories of the thousands of children who he has taught, nurtured and laughed with over the years, many of whom are now parents reading this. Good luck Mr Rudd - enjoy!



Christmas Carols

St Wilfrid's and St. Chad's school are coming together again with our Parish to celebrate a Christmas carol service at **St. Mary's Church on Thursday 15th December at 6pm.** We are hoping that many of our children and families will come to share in the singing and really get in the Christmas spirit at this event. It was a great success last year. Our Church was packed, and everyone enjoyed hearing and seeing the Christmas story unfold, led by our children. Later this half term we will be sending letters home to ask children to take part, look out for these, and put the date in your diary.



Remembrance

November is the month of remembrance, when we pray for, and call to mind our departed loved ones. Our children are able to spend candle lit time in our prayer room at break times throughout November, listening to calm music and praying for lost friends and family. We would like to invite any parents or family members into our prayer room to share reflection time with your child. There are poppies in the room for you to write the names of anyone you would like us to remember in our prayers this month. The prayer room is open straight after school each night.

Flu Jab



All children up to and including Year 3 are entitled to a Flu Jab this year. You may have seen on the news that schools will be administering these. We have contacted our team responsible for this, and it may be that our children won't be given this opportunity until January!! This is very late in the flu season, so we would like to remind you that you can take your child to your GP for the free jab (it's actually not an injection, just a squirt up each nostril). Many GP surgeries are offering walk in sessions where an appointment isn't needed. For more benefits of immunising your child against flu, please visit:

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Page/child-flu-vaccine.aspx

Behaviour Treat



At the end of term, on 16th December, we will be rewarding our brilliantly behaved children with Circus Day! Children can come to school dressed as a circus character - strong men, acrobats, clowns - anything from the Circus. First, they will see a demonstration of circus skills and will then be able to have a go themselves as each class takes part in Circus workshops. There will be a chance to enjoy some Circus based activities throughout the day too, and maybe some popcorn or candyfloss. We can't wait!

Parish Youth Club and Junior Council

As many of you know, St Mary's Parish offer a monthly Youth Club session to children from years 3-6. These include lots of activities, including games, crafts and quizzes. If you would like your child to come along - the next session is Thursday 24th November, from 6:15 - 7:30pm in St Mary's meeting room. Please let Mrs Pickering know well before the night if your child is coming. We also have a number of children from St Wilfrid's who are representatives on our Junior Parish Council. They are: Leah, Sean, Ines, Tilena, Elisha, Norbi and Eleanor.

These children will be working with other Parish members to decide how our young people can take an active role in Parish life. I'm sure they'll have lots of great ideas. Well done to them!

Christmas Cards

Instead of sending Christmas cards, we will once again be making a card for a class mate, and donating the money we would have spent to the very deserving Butterwick Hospice in our town. More information to follow.

Dates for Your Diary

- 14th - 18th November - Poetry week. 15th Nov - Paul Cookson, published author will visit school. See our school website for more information about him and his work. There will be a chance to meet him and buy a signed copy of one of his books after school on this day (a nice Christmas present maybe).
- 18th November - Children in Need goes SPOTACULAR. Non uniform day with £1 per family donation Plus a spotty cake Coffee Afternoon 1:30pm (cake donations needed)
- 20th November - Family Mass 11am St Mary's Church
- 24th November - Parish Youth Club, St Mary's meeting room 6:15pm - 7:30pm (Y3 - Y6)
- 28th + 29th Nov - Parents' evenings (appointments to follow)
- 30th November - Y1 visit to Killhope mine
- 2nd December - First Steps Performance 1:30pm and Y1-Y6 Panto time B/A College - £1 per child
- 7th and 8th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas performances 2pm
- 4th December - First Steps Performance 2pm
- 9th December - Christmas Dinner, wear your Christmas jumper!
- 10th December - Some of our children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:30am
- 12th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
- 13th December - Year 1 and 2 Christmas party
- 14th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party and First Steps Craft Morning
- 15th December - First Steps Christmas Party and Carol Service at St Mary's Church 6pm
- 16th December - Join us for Carols and candles in school 2pm
- 16th December - Circus Friday and Break up for Christmas
- 18th December - Christingle Service St Mary's Church 3pm
- 4th January - Children return to school