

St Wilfrid's News

January 2017

Welcome to the new Spring Term. Everyone has come back to school ready to face the exciting challenges ahead. Miss Sands has joined us as head teacher and is quickly getting to grips with school life.

School Newsletters

Starting next month we'll be sending out Newsletters each month. They will be sent on the **first Friday of the Month**

Attendance

If your child is absent from school **PLEASE CALL SCHOOL** speak to the office or leave a message. A lot of staff time is taken up texting or calling families to find out why pupils are absent.



The school day starts at 9am and all pupils should be in school by this time. If your child is late an adult must sign them into school.

Text Service

We rely a lot on our text service - please make sure school has your correct contact details or you will miss out on essential messages. If you didn't receive a text today about this newsletter, please check your details at school.



Money In School

Any cash coming into school must be in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name, how much and what it's for.

If anyone is interested in using the Parent Pay online payment scheme for dinner money please contact the school office.

Parking

Safety outside school is an ongoing problem. Thanks to all the parents who park away from school and walk their children to the gate.



No one should be stopping or dropping children off on the Zig Zag lines by school it's just not safe. Also do not let your children out of cars onto the open road. Especially in the icy weather any car passing wouldn't be able to stop.

Our main priority is to keep all our children safe - that's why we send constant reminders. Sadly there are still people acting irresponsibly and increasing the chances of our children being seriously injured.

Please work with us to make our school gate as safe as possible.

Indoor Play times

Whenever possible the children will have playtime outside; however if it's too wet or icy they stay inside. We're trying to put together some activities for them to play if they have to stay in.

So if you've had a new year clear out and have some unwanted games which are still in good condition or children's DVDs please bring them into school and the classes can use them. Thank you.

Volunteering In School

It's lovely to have parents and grandparents helping in school and on school trips. Even if you aren't available every week it would be great to have a list of volunteers if we needed them.

If this is something you'd be interested in please contact school as you'd need to have a DBS check completed for Safeguarding purposes.

Winter Weather

The winter weather has arrived and will probably be with us for a while. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed.

Hats, scarves and gloves must have names clearly marked or we can't guarantee they'll be returned. If your child wears wellies or snow boots to school make sure they have indoor shoes to change into.

Good To Be Green

We've introduced our new Behaviour and Reward system this week 'Good To Be Green'. Everyone should have been sent a letter explaining the system and an agreement to be completed by parents and children (this should be returned to school by next week.) If you haven't see the letter please contact school and we'll get another copy. The system has clear expectations set consequences for bad choices and rewards for good ones. The children seem to have taken well to it but the system works best when parents support us. Please read the information and if you have any questions contact Miss Sands.

The system tackles bad choices or behaviour but also rewards the good. Texts will be sent home if red cards have been given (regular red cards parents will be asked in to see Miss Sands) Also if pupils have done really well, made good choices they may receive Privilege cards (getting a prize) or certificates and stickers to be sent home or texts sharing the positive behaviour aswell.

Footballs In School

Until further notice please do not bring footballs into school. Playtime football will start again once the weather improves and the field dries out

Dogs On The Yard

Please do not bring dogs onto the school yard unless they are service dogs.

Thank you.

Parent Views

Thanks to those who were able to come to the Coffee afternoon on Friday. A questionnaire was shared with those who attended so Miss Sands can gather some ideas on school life. If you were unable to come on Friday but would like to complete a questionnaire, you can pick one up from the school office. Many thanks.

Let Us Pray

Lord please

Help us to love without question those around us

Help us to love those on the outskirts of life

Help us to love the unloved

Help us to love those close to us unconditionally

Help us to love ourselves as you do. Amen.

DIARY DATES

PLEASE CHECK EACH MONTH

TIMES OR DATES MAY CHANGE

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| Tuesday 17th January | Years 3 and 6 going to Bowes Museum for art project |
| Friday 27th January | Holocaust Memorial Day 2.30pm - for Holocaust day, all parents are invited to join us. Only children from Years 3-6 will be involved. |
| Wednesday 8th February | First Steps Butterwick Hospice Fundraiser day. |
| Sunday 12th February | Family Mass 11am St Mary's Church . Everyone is very welcome to come along and join the celebration. |
| Friday 17th February | Last day of half term |
| Monday 27th February | School Re-opens for new Half Term |
| Wednesday 1st March | Ash Wednesday—there will be a liturgy in school time to be arranged closer to the day. |
| Thursday 2nd March | World Book Day—Staff and pupils invited to dress up as favourite book characters for the day. |
| Friday 10th March | CAFOD Family Fast Day Whole school CAFOD worship - 2.15 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. |
| Friday 24th March | Comic Relief - fundraising events today (further details in next newsletter) |
| Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th March | Parents Evenings |
| Friday 7th April | Last Day of Spring Term Easter Liturgy in school 2.15pm. All welcome. |