

St Wilfrid's News

February 2017

Welcome to our second Newsletter of 2017. The term seems to be flying along. Newsletters will now come out on the first Friday of every month. Please remember to check them as sometimes event details may change.

Morning Routines

We are trying something different for morning routines. Instead of coming onto the yard before school all children can come into school from 8.45am. They go into their classrooms and lessons begin as normal at 9am. So far it's working well and everyone is enjoying a calm start to the day.

The door will close at 9am - arrivals after this time need to be signed in at the office.

Breakfast Club

Children can come to Breakfast club from
7.45am - all children should be in before
8.20am.

As the mornings are still dark please can someone escort them to the door.

Parent Pay

Our online payment system is up and running and working well. We already take dinner payments and are hoping to extend it for trips, clubs and breakfast club.

If you are interested please contact the office.

Starlight Collection Bags

Bags will be collected Monday 6th February

Contact Details

A reminder text was sent out today about this newsletter - if you didn't receive it please contact school as your details may need to be updated.

It is essential we have up to date contact information to keep you informed about school events and in case of an emergency with your child.

If your number changes - please tell school straight away.

Friday Assembly

We've changed our Friday Assembly routine. Every fortnight the children will have a Celebration Assembly when certificates and awards are given out, then the next week a Class will lead assembly/worship for the whole school and Parents will be invited to join us.

Star of the Week Awards - children get a certificate, and a badge to keep for a week. Please return badges to school at the end of the week.

2.30 pm Friday 10th February - Year 3 will lead a 'Safety Assembly'. Everyone is welcome

2.15pm Friday 10th March - Year 4 will lead CAFOD Assembly. Everyone is welcome.

Class News

Year 3 and Year 6 are working with Bowes Museum on an Art Project.

We learnt about Dementia, and talked to an author Jessica Shepherd who has written a children's book about a child who has a granny with dementia. We all became dementia friends. We also looked at the work of artist Mark Clarke, who has created an assemblage exhibition based on memories and loss. His mum, who also suffered with dementia inspired his work. Next, we will be trying some printing ourselves, based on what we have learnt.



In **Year 2**, we have been lucky enough to have Miss Hughes come into school every Friday to teach the children Music. The children have been singing songs using different pitched voices and even sign language! The children have had an opportunity to use different instruments and play along to a beat. The children thoroughly enjoy their time doing music; they are trying to improve their music skills and knowledge of instruments. We talked as a class about what we liked about music, Levi said "It's great!", Ava said "I like the tunes we sing.", Anna said "I like playing the different instruments." and Adam said "I like it because it calms everyone down!"

First Steps have enjoyed learning a new song about Princess Pat, the song tells the story that Princess Pat is sailing across the seven seas and the only way to keep safe is with a 'Rickabamboo'. The children didn't know what a 'Rickabamboo' was so we decided to make, draw and write about what we each thought it might look like and what it might do. The children came up with some fabulous ideas. We will be further investigating Princess Pat and her travels... I wonder where it takes us



Year 1

In **Year 1** we continue to improve our writing. We have written amazing 'Jack and the Beanstalk' stories. In Maths we have been doing number bonds up to 10, learning to use a 100 square and finding out about 3D shapes. Our topics this half term cover Castles and materials. In art we have been learning to mix primary colours then find out what happens when you add white or black to a colour.

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Year 5

In Year 5 we have just begun to learn about Vikings and Anglo Saxons. We have done lots of research into why King Alfred was named 'Alfred the Great'. One of the reasons was that he was a very caring King and helped people with their education. We are really interested in this topic and can't wait to learn even more! We have even started to design our own Viking shields and will be making them very soon.



Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have been investigating habitats in Science. We decided as a class that it would be a great idea to investigate animals and their natural habitats within our school grounds. The children were amazed at how many animals and insects they found. We noted down what we had found around school and then classified the animals and insects according to their characteristics.

Let Us Pray

God of love enfold us.

God of comfort heal us.

God of joy uplift us.

God of hope renew us.

God of peace refill us, time and time again



Diary dates	
6 th -10 th February	SAFETY WEEK All classes taking time this week to look at Safety issues, including E-Safety, road safety, 'stranger danger' and positive relationships.
Wednesday 8 th February	First Steps Butterwick Hospice Fundraiser day.
Friday 10 th February	2.30pm Year 3 leading Safety Assembly for the whole school. Everyone welcome.
Sunday 12 th February	FAMILY MASS 11am St Mary's Church. Everyone welcome to come along and join the celebration.
Friday 17 th February	Last day of half term
Monday 27 th February	School re-opens for new half term
Wednesday 1 st March	ASH WEDNESDAY - there will be a liturgy in school, further details to be confirmed.
Thursday 2 nd March	WORLD BOOK DAY - Staff and pupils are invited to dress up as a favourite book character. We're planning reading competitions and events - further details soon.
Friday 10 th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day Whole school worship 2.30pm led by Year 4
10 th - 12 th March	Some children from Years 5 and 6 at Robinwood
Friday 24 th March	Comic Relief - fundraising events today (further details soon) 2.30pm Comic Relief Assembly led by Year 2. All welcome.
Monday 27 th & Tuesday 28 th March	Parents Evenings
Friday 7 th April	Easter Liturgy in school 2.15pm. All welcome. Last day of term