

Parking

With help from the organisation Living Streets the path into school has been repaired and we now have a safety barrier at the end of the path. This is a great improvement and added safety measure outside school.

As ever, we still have parents who are dropping children off on the Zig Zag Lines - for the sake of a few minutes; park away from school and walk to the gate. We only ask this to ensure the safety of all our children. Please work with us to avoid accidents. As ever please pass these messages onto any friends or family who do the school run.

Thanks.

Corona Virus

Attached to this newsletter is an advice sheet on Corona Virus. We are all aware of the situation and the number of cases is increasing, however the advice for everyone is the same. Wash hands thoroughly and regularly, coughs or sneeze into tissues and then dispose of them. In school we are encouraging the children to wash their hands properly and regularly and we know you will be doing the same at home.

If you feel you or someone close to you may be travelling to one of the 'at risk areas' please inform school. We receive updates from Government at least once a week and if things change we will inform you. Please read the note attached to this newsletter.

Attendance

We have worked really hard to improve attendance over the past few years, however we know over the past few months there have been some abnormally 'stubborn germs' going round! If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must be absent from school for 48 hours after their last symptoms. If you are worried about keeping your child off school due to illness - feel free to call Miss Sands to talk about it.

Uniform

School uniform is a unifying and identifiable part of school life.

Our uniform is plain grey trousers or skirt, white polo shirt and burgundy jumper/cardigan. Leggings and joggers are only uniform in First Steps. School shoes should be dark and plain. Brightly coloured trainers are not acceptable.

Recycling

We are continually striving to educate the children about Global Environmental issues and try our best to be an 'Eco-School'. In school we recycle used batteries and used bathroom plastics.

Online Safety

Over the past few weeks we have been dealing with increasing numbers of worrying online incidents involving our pupils; from children playing age inappropriate games to social media platforms.

In school we take online safety very seriously and regularly educate the children how to keep themselves safe. Sadly they know all the facts but are still putting themselves in danger. As parents please be vigilant about your child's online usage. On most social media platforms users need to be **at least 13 years old** please be aware of this if your child is using them.

Platforms like Snap Chat- check the groups they are part of and who is in these groups (is the name of group appropriate)

Privacy settings - check settings are in place - online guides are available to help parents (but remember if you can put them on the children may be able to switch them off again)

Platforms like Tik Tok - even with privacy settings strangers can still view videos and make contact. Also we've been made aware of certain 'Pop Ups' for other adult video sharing sites that have appeared on Tik Tok.

Online Gaming - we've had a lot of issues with comments being made while gaming; children saying things about each other they would never say to someone's face. Please keep an open dialogue with your child and encourage them to be open and honest about their online use.

If you are concerned or want support please contact school.

Online Safety

Educating young people about online safety has been in the news a lot recently. E-Safety is a priority in school and taught in every class each term during Safety Week.

Some useful websites

www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks an interesting book to share with your child.

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.childnet.com

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

Packed Lunches and Snack

Please remember we try to promote healthy eating in school. We are in the process of producing policy and guidance on what should go into a 'healthy packed lunch'. No fizzy or sugary drinks please. If children are bringing snack for playtime please make sure it's a healthy choice; fruit or cereal bars - avoid chocolate please.

Bible Bags

Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to spend some time looking more closely at scripture this year. The initiative is called 'God Who Speaks', he's asking people to take time to revisit Bible stories and as part of this from Monday each class will be sending home 'Bible Activity Bags'. Each child will have a turn taking the bag home. In it is a Children's Bible, post-it notes, note book and leaflet with some information. Please take time to look at the Bible with your child, put Post-It notes in stories you like, the children might write or draw about the stories in the notebook. Each class has 3 bags with different Bibles - so your child may bring a bag home more than once.

Earrings

As you will be aware - schools uniform policy is for **NO EARRINGS** to be worn in school. If you are planning on getting your child ears pierced - please do it at the end of the summer term so they will be healed for September. Thanks..

Wellies

As part of OPAL we have 'Welly Racks' for outside. We want the children to enjoy the whole outdoor space and in order to do this they will need wellies. Please bring in a pair of wellies (clearly marked with your child's name) and they can stay in school to be used by your child at playtime.

PE Kits

Every child needs a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure every item of clothing is clearly named. If there is no visible name we can't guarantee it will be returned.

This term Year 5 go swimming each Wednesday.

If your child brings home another child's clothes please return them to school ASAP.

Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobile phones into school unless they are walking home alone at the end of the day and need them for security. If phones come into school they must be given to the teacher.

World Book Day - Super Spuds!



Many thanks for all the wonderful entries to the World Book Day potato decorating competition.

We had a great Pyjama Day and enjoyed a lovely Book Quiz.

Diary Dates	
Sunday 8 th March	Family Mass 11 am St Mary's Church. All welcome
Tuesday 17 th & Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening (Years 1-6) Appointment letters will be sent home on Monday 9 th
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief £1 donation per family - wear sports clothes
23 rd - 27 th March	Safety Week - Children will have lesson around keeping themselves safe
Friday 27 th Match	'Coffee Show' Years 1 & 2. Come and have a cuppa and be entertained by the children in Year 1 & 2.
Saturday 28 th March	Earth Hour - world wide campaign to use less energy. Switch off for an hour tonight.
30 th March - 3 rd April	Science Week - Science activities across school this week. 'Lenterprise' - the children will create things to sell for charity.
Tuesday 31 st March	Lenten Prayer Stations at St Mary's Church. Our local schools and churches are creating prayer stations in church, everyone is welcome to come and see them.
Wednesday 1 st April	5.30pm Easter Disco in school. Free entry refreshments on sale. Egg Decorating competition.
Friday 3 rd March	Lenten Service in school 2.30pm - everyone welcome. Last day of Spring term
Monday 20 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term

Friends of St Wilfrid's

We're looking to develop a 'Friends of the School Organisation' to help organise events and fundraising for school. If you're interested please contact Miss Sands and we'll organise a meeting

Parent Governor Needed

Are you interested in becoming part of our governing body? The Governing Body work alongside the Head teacher and staff, to oversee school life and help develop our school. If you are interested or want more information please contact Miss Sands.