

St Wilfrid's News

March 2022

Ukraine Crisis Donations

We're collecting donations of blankets, sleeping bags, toiletries and first aid items that could be of use to those in need because of the conflict. Many thanks.

COVID Update

Thankfully the number of positive cases in our community are improving, but even though government restrictions have been lifted we are still trying to be cautious in school.

We are gradually lifting some of our restrictions in school, larger groups are coming together for assemblies and the classes are now mixing on the yard. We are still encouraging handwashing and hand sanitising round school and making sure we have good ventilation.

If your child shows symptoms please give them a test (people with symptoms can still book a PCR test if you haven't any LFD tests) If anyone is positive we are still asking them to isolate. If you have concerns please contact the school office.

Punctuality

School begins at 9am and all children must be in school by this time. The children can arrive from 8.45 as the gates and doors will be open.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the school office by phone or email office@stwilfrids.bhcet.org.uk, or text. Please can any Dojo messages go to Miss Sands, thank you.

Parking

Thank you to all the parents who park away from the school gates and walk their children into school. Most people are using our 'one way system' which really helps (enter Murphy Crescent by the school sign on Proudfoot Drive.) Sadly, there are still people stopping on the Zig Zag lines, parking over residents driveways and speeding along Murphy Crescent.

All of the markings and these items in our monthly newsletters are to help us all keep our children safe.

No child should be let out into the road without an adult to supervise.

No one should park or drop off on the Zig Zag lines.

No one should park over the car park gates or the lines beside the gate to First Steps

Wait to pass a parked car or let another driver through - DO NOT DRIVE ON THE FOOTPATH.

Earrings

As we've mentioned in previous Newsletters - earrings are not to be worn in school.

Reading At Home

In school we are always promoting books and reading and the children can talk about how important reading is. Please whenever possible can we listen to our children read at home.

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Lost Property

We have a lost property box in the school hall.

All the uniform in the box has no label or name on it. ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME if not we can't guarantee it'll be returned to you.

Contact Details

It is essential we have up to date contact information for parents and carers. If phone numbers or emails change please contact school immediately.

Dojo

Please check Dojo each day - we send most of our messages on here. If you are not yet connected please contact your child's class teacher.

ScoPay

If you haven't already can everyone please sign up to ScoPay - if you have lost the information please contact the school office. (We no longer use Parentpay in school.)

Diary Dates	
Friday 4 th March	World Book Day
14 th -18 th March	Science Week
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 25 th April	School reopens after Easter Holidays
25 th -29 th April	Eco Week
Monday 2 nd May	School closed for May Bank Holiday
9 th -12 th May	Year 6 SATs
16 th -20 th May	Safety Week
23 rd - 27 th May	Jubilee Week
Friday 27 th May	Last day before half term

Life at St Wilfrid's

Ash Wednesday

This week we came together to celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin our Lenten Journey together. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 came together in the hall for a liturgy and to receive the ashes then Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 came together later in the day. It was lovely to be able to spend prayerful time together for our liturgies.



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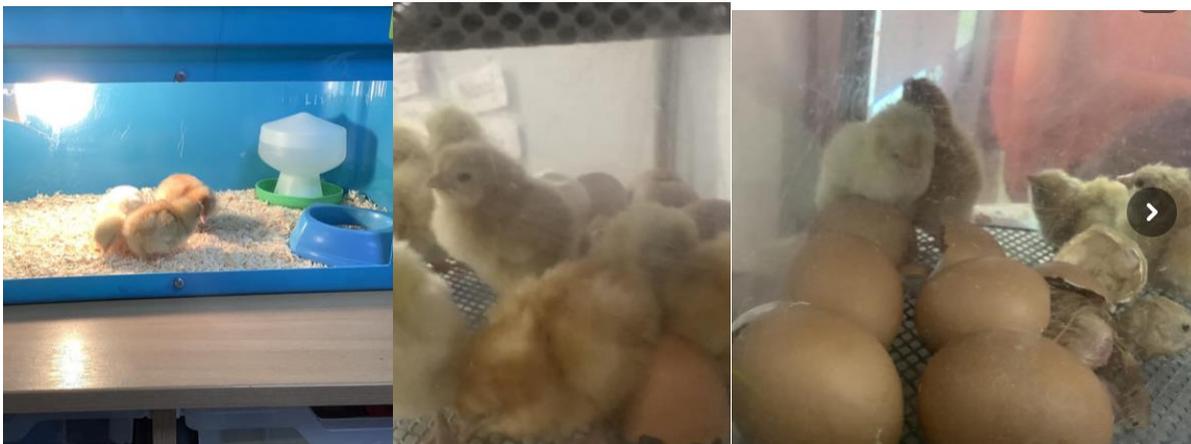
Year 3 Library Visit

On Tuesday the children from Year 3 walked to the Library, they listened to a story looked at the books and borrowed some for their reading are in class.



First Steps Living Eggs

This week has been so exciting for the children in First Steps. They took delivery of some special eggs and over the week they've watched chicks hatching. They are now looking after them and keeping them safe.



Year 6 Litter Pick

Following the recent storms there had been a lot of rubbish blown onto the school grounds. On Wednesday some of the pupils from Year 6 braved the rain to start clearing some of the litter from the hedges and school field.



Cyberbullying conversation starters

internet
matters.org

Talking to 6-10 year olds



Before you start the conversation



Think about when and where is the best is to talk to them - in the car or a neutral place where they feel safe



Jot down what you want to say to focus your mind and make the conversation relevant to them



Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported



Have a few bite sized conversations to give them time to process

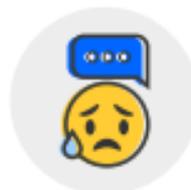
What you need to know



Think carefully about allowing your child on social media as the minimum age on most networks is 13 years old



Cyberbullying can take place 24/7 and happens repeatedly on a range of apps, games and devices



Younger children can confuse any nasty comment or opinion as 'bullying' so their understanding of bullying can be different to that of adults



Bullying is a learnt behaviour - so it's important to set a good example and regularly reinforce how being a good digital citizen

Tips to prevent cyberbullying



Be engaged

Talk to your child about what they like to do online and what they know about staying safe
- [see tips from Childnet](#)



Be kind online

Being positive and respectful online is key to using the internet safely. Share ['Top Internet Manners'](#) with them



Know how to report

Make sure your child knows how to report cyberbullying if it happens to them or someone else

Tips to deal with cyberbullying



Make sure your child knows they can share anything that upsets them online with a trusted adult. Watch Childnet's Captain Kara video ['T for Tell'](#)



Never retaliate – remind your child that saying mean things back to a bully makes the situation worse



Save the evidence – encourage your child to save messages, photos and screenshots of online bullying as proof to show to a trusted adult



Explore the games and apps your child uses together and find report and block buttons to understand what they do

Actions you can take to support them



Listen and help

Allow your child to explain what has happened and talk about it before making judgements



Don't deny access

It can be tempting to ban devices or using the internet to prevent the bullying but this isn't a solution and can make a child feel worse



Know how to get help

Your child's school can help you deal with cyberbullying and provide support and advice. If you feel the law has been broken then online bullying can also be [reported to your local police force](#).

WANT MORE HELP?

For more information visit: internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying

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