

# St Wilfrid's News

May 2022

## ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

No children should be getting out of cars onto the road, we have had 2 'near misses' recently. Please can drivers also take care while driving past school as there may be people crossing from between parked cars. Thankfully our Green cones helping to stop people parking on the zig-zags and blocking the carpark. All of these messages are to keep all our pupils safe.

Summer Term Diary Dates	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion 10am St Mary's Church
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> May	Safety Week
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	First Holy Communion 10am St Mary's Church
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Platinum Jubilee Week events Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Jubilee sponsored run for the Angel Trust Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Jubilee Fayre (invites to parents and further details will be shared soon) Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Jubilee Street Party picnic lunch in school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day before half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer term begins
20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Health and Well Being Week
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports will be sent home
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer term
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	School reopens after the Summer holidays.

## **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.

## Life at St Wilfrid's

Mrs Lee will be retiring at the end of this term after working at St Wilfrid's for many years. We are advertising for a new teacher - details are on our school website if you know anyone who might be interested.

## **Book Swap**

Don't forget our BOOK SWAP STALL in school. It's a bit like a library, anyone can bring a book from home that they don't read so much anymore, and swap it for a new one.

If you like the story you've picked, you can even keep it forever! You can swap as many times as you like. We just ask that everyone sticks to - ONE IN, ONE OUT - and that the books that are put in the boxes are in good condition.

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Book Swap can be found in the corner of the hall, outside Mrs Kinsey's 'office' area. There are picture books, chunky books, fact books and comics to swap.

## Jubilee Jigsaw

All schools in Bishop Hogarth Trust decorated some giant jigsaw pieces to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. We went to Our lady And St Bede's School in Stockton to put the whole jigsaw together. It was great to see all 35 Trust schools represented.



## First Steps

This week the children in First Steps have enjoyed being outside! We have planted our strawberry plants and we are watering them hoping we get a delicious crop later in the summer.

We have also had Daisy Arts project working with nursery. The children have been learning about life cycles and making leaves for the caterpillars we will make this week.

First Steps also enjoyed their first music session with Durham music service, it was fantastic! We're looking forward to our weekly sessions!



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## Year 1

For our plants topic we have learned about the parts of a plant and have planted beans and sunflowers. We are going to observe the bean seeds and see which table can grow the biggest sunflower.

In English we have tasted the fruit from Handa's surprise and this also linked to our topic on healthy eating when we have talked about healthy food.



## Year 2

This half term, Year 2 are working with Jane from Daisy Arts, a fantastic local community Arts organisation. In the first session, Year 2 had to think about some of the living things that they might find in their garden. They then started to plan and create their own amazing gardenscapes using different mediums. Everyone did a brilliant job presenting their work too!



## Year 3

Year 3 visited Auckland Castle before the Easter holidays as part of our UK legends topic. We found out about our local legend - The Pollards Boar and used clay to create amazing castle pen pots. We'll be painting the pots and bringing them home in the next few days. We had a great adventure, discovering the amazing rooms in the castle too, including the dining room, surrounded by the famous Zurbaran paintings. A fantastic school visit that we all enjoyed!



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## Year 4

As part of their Roman studies, Year 4 had a visit to Binchester. They got to explore, dress up like Romans and handle lots of artefacts.



## Year 5

Year 5 welcomed members of staff from Bowes Museum into class on Tuesday. We were lucky enough to be asked to take part in an Art activity which will be displayed at Bowes Museum. For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Bowes Museum are creating a large exhibit to her 70 years on the throne. Year 5 each drew a flag using different colouring techniques which will be used to create a large mosaic. This mosaic will be displayed at Bowes Museum from 8th May. Year 5 did an excellent job, well done!



## Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard preparing for their SATs tests which begin on Monday next week. Please keep them in your thoughts and pray for nice weather so we can celebrate with a relaxing day on Friday when they are all done.

Swimming lessons will begin the following week (18th) each Wednesday morning at St. John's.

## Jubilee Week

In the last week of this half term we have some plans to help celebrate the Queens Jubilee. The Angel Trust have asked us to take part in a Sponsored Jubilee Run to help raise funds for their charity - this will take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**, it'll be in school and details about fundraising will be sent home next week.

On **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** we are planning on holding a Jubilee Summer Fayre - stalls to win and buy things aswell as fun activities (weather permitting on the school field) - friends and family will be welcome to come along.

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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** - we'll be having a 'street party style' lunch in school for the children and then an afternoon of fun and games.

## Uniform

All school clothes must be clearly labelled - if there is no name we can't guarantee to return lost property.

We do have a lost property box in the school hall if anyone would like to check it please contact school office.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is free, doors open at 7.45am and all pupils need to arrive by 8.20am.

## 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.



## Clothing Recycling Bank

We've already filled our collection box once and school received £50. If anyone has any unwanted clothes and shoes please bring them along and put them in the box.

Tell friends and family - as long as the school gates are open they can use it aswell.

## 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](mailto:office@stwilfrids.bhcet.org.uk), or text. Please can any Dojo messages go to Miss Sands, thank you.

## Earrings

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

## 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.