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# ST. WILFRID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Head Teacher

Mr. R. Baker

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Newsletter No 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

Welcome back to a new school year after hopefully an enjoyable summer break.

The children have returned to school bright and cheerful, so smart in their school uniform – we have missed them!

### New staff

We welcome Mr Fullwood (Y5) and Miss Gripton (Y3) to our team at St Wilfrid's. I am sure you will make them welcome.

### Health Education's Life Caravan – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

All children next week will have the opportunity to visit the Life Caravan to learn about topics connected with health and well-being.

Topics will include, 'All about Me', 'Feelings', 'Our Talented Brain', 'Friends', 'Our Wonderful Body', 'Decisions', and 'Choices'.

The Life Caravan will be located on the school car park. There will be a session for parents to visit and find out more about the programmes covered on MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 at 9 am until 9.15 am – so drop the children and come around and take a look.

### School Masses

This half term, masses will be celebrated on Friday as usual, but please note the time will be **2.15 pm – 3.15 pm** in the school hall. Please join us if you can.

### School Uniform

We are now back into our Winter Uniform which is:

Boys-grey trousers, white shirt, blue school jumper, school tie, grey socks

Girls-Grey skirt, pinafore or grey school trousers, white blouse, blue school cardigan/jumper, school tie, white/grey socks or tights

Please note footwear should be black sensible shoes **NOT** trainers.

All uniform should be labelled with your child's name. Unfortunately each year we have vast amounts of uniform unclaimed in our lost property.

### Last year's lost property

All labelled lost property left at the end of last year has been returned to children, however, we still have coats, hats, jumpers, cardigans left.

Next week after school, we will put all last year's lost property into the school hall on Monday and Tuesday from 3.30 – 4 pm.

Please come and have a look and take any items which are yours.

Any items left after Tuesday will be donated to charity.

### Child Protection

St Wilfrid's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people.

The school is an agent of Birmingham Children's Services and in certain circumstances, if there are concerns about a child, advice from, or referral to Children's Services may be made.

This is a legal obligation of the school.



### **Pastoral Care**

This year, Mrs Mason (Family Support), Mrs Stevens (Attendance) and Mr Aymer (Emotional Health and Well Being) will be working with the school to support families and children.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is vital that children attend regularly and arrive punctually if they are to make progress in their learning.

Poor attendance and punctuality severely limits this learning and can cause them to fall behind their peers and often struggle to catch up. Our 'Wise Up' Attendance Programme rewards good attendance and each term 'Gold' or 'Silver' certificates will be given out for excellent attendance.

Absence during term-time-please note holidays during term time will not be authorised and if taken could result in a fine.

School starts at **8.45 am** and **12.30 pm** for Nursery children and **8.55 am** for children in Reception to Year 6, finishing at **3.30 pm**.

The school gates will be locked at 9 am each morning to ensure the safety of the children.

If your child arrives after this time, then they must be escorted by their parent to the main office.

Please inform, or make the teachers aware of who is picking up your child from school. If this changes, then please contact the school office to let us know – thank you for your co-operation.

### **School Meals**

If your child's lunchtime arrangement has changed from last year, please could you inform the school office. If you pay for your child's meal, then please send this into school in a clearly named envelope every Monday. The price of a school meal is £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week. Thank you.

### **School Tuck**

At break time we have toast, yoghurt, milk or fruit juice to buy from our school kitchen.

All Infant children also have the opportunity to have a free piece of fruit.

Please note other items for first break are not allowed apart from fruit, which Junior children can bring in if they wish. (No chocolate bars, crisps, sweets etc).

### **Parking**

Shawsdale Road is a very narrow road and at the beginning and end of the school day is extremely busy.

Please do always think of the safety of the children and other people if driving.

Please park correctly and think whether pedestrians can get safely past. Our church car park is always available.

Our neighbours would really appreciate people not parking across their drives as they may need to get out too!

With thought and respect for others, the school drop off and pick up can be less stressful and safer for our children.

Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely,

**R. Baker and staff**

