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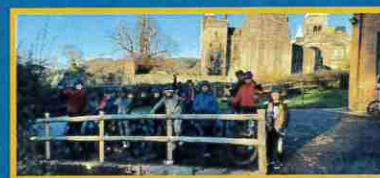
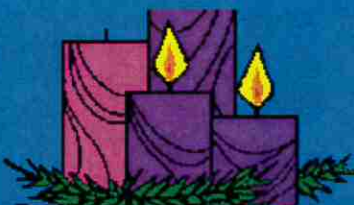
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th December 2022

Newsletter No.13

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan
Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

A wonderful week, continuing our journey of Advent, with our Mission this week to build a straight road from our hearts to Jesus, through love and kindness

And what a week of preparation for the coming for Christmas it has been! On Tuesday , we celebrated the performance of our Nursery and Reception children as they told us the Nativity story. Children—you were wonderful! Then, in the afternoon, we all enjoyed the story of Aladdin when we welcomed in the Pantomime — oh no we didn't...oh yes we did!

Next week, we look forward to our Year 1 and 2 children performing their Christmas play for us and our Years 3,4,5 and 6 children leading us through our annual Carol Service. We can't wait!

Year 6 have spent 3 days at Alton Castle. They have had lots of fun, whilst they have continued to journey on their way to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. WE thank those not receiving the Sacrament for supporting their friends on their journey, whilst learning more about this step in faith. They have learned to develop their teamwork, taken risks and used their God given talents, both indoors and outdoors through participation in a whole host of activities—some of these talents they did not know they had until this week! THANKYOU to our wonder staff who have taken the Year Group—Mrs Gregory, Mrs Willdig, Ms Brown, Mrs Harrison and Mr Hutchinson.

Our Key Stage Two children have enjoyed Money Matters workshops this week . A while ago , when we carried out parent surveys about our curriculum, you told us that financial education is really important for your children , which is why these sessions have been vitally important. It is increasingly difficult to juggle our finances, so it is never too young to prepare our children and make them financially literate young citizens. They were ably helped by Mr Squirrel who both kept the children entertained and helped them out with their learning!

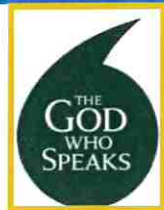
Thankyou to Year 4 for a beautiful Mass yesterday—remember, all welcome to join us each Thursday at 9:05am. Next week, Father will be blessing our Bambinelli





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The God who Speaks

This week, during Gospel Liturgy, we lit the second candle on our Advent wreath and reflected on the love that we should make an extra special effort to share ready for the of the coming of Jesus. We thought about making sure there were no bumps in our road this week and asked our children to show love in the classroom, in the playground AND at home!

Prepare a way for the Lord—make his path straight. (Matthew 3)



Virtues Award

Infants Kylah (2G)

Juniors Adam (4P)

Right of the Week



UNITED KINGDOM

Article 13 (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

What does your child feel strongly about?



Virtues of the Half Term



Faith-filled and Hopeful

We continue to show we are filled with faith as we await the coming of our Lord.

Our children have taken part this week in Pupil Voice meetings where they have talked about how they see our school Mission every day in school, not just in RE, but in other subjects and in play :

'We follow what Jesus did in the Bible

'We show love and we care'

'We share the Gospel''





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Our Wonderful Curriculum

We are proud of St Wilfrid's Curriculum!

As you know, we have shaped it to the needs of OUR children, and based on current documents such as The National Curriculum, The Early years Framework, we have SOAKED it in Gospel Teachings and what they require. We have also asked you what you would like to see—thankyou for your input!

We will welcome you into school as much as you can, but to give you a taste of what happens in the classroom, make sure you read this newsletter each week, follow us on Twitter, browse our website and enjoy the photos below!

SCIENCE



RE



MATHS



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ART



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A LITTLE EXTRA!





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Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 12th Dec	Glo Sports for children drawn out of the 'wear your uniform with pride' lottery
Tuesday 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 14th Dec	Confessions—Yy 4—6
Wednesday 14th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 15th December	Jolly Jumper Day for Birmingham Children's Hospital . £1 per family
Friday 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas TOY SHARING DAY—NO PHONES OR ELECTRONICS
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school



Experiences for the children

With the cost of living crisis weighing heavy upon us, we appreciate that extra costs are difficult to factor in.

For this reason, we have kept money we ask for in school to as little as possible.

Thankyou for when you do send donations.

However, when we do ask for donations, we would ask if you could please contribute as we can not afford to pay for these extras from school budget—which is also very tight, due to rising fuel costs etc.

Having to cover the majority of the cost of experiences is just not possible for us and will mean that the number of experiences are reduced even more.

We continue to try to provide extra experiences in creative ways to keep costs low.

A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Monday 17th October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023





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Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Whole class
RNM	Alan
RCT	Klara-Anne
1DG	Alesia
1M	Jordan
2B	Olivia
2G	Julia
3P	Reico-J
3M	Louis
4B	Chanell
4P	Mason
5P	Kelvin
5W	Adiyy
6G	Whole class
6W	Whole class
Wise Owl	Samantha (1M) Eiman (1M)
Music	Early years
Sport	Kayla (6G)
Lunchtime	Dante (6W), Zain (6W), Zainab (2G), RCT & 4B

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone who has received an award today and we look forward to seeing who will receive awards next week.

Attendance—period 28th November-2nd December 2022

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RNM	85.7%
RCT	74.7%
1DG	86.1%
1M	80.0%
2B	95.8%
2G	80.0%
3P	86.5%
3M	85.5%
4B	92.7%
4P	90.9%
5P	91.3%
5W	91.4%
6G	90.7%
6W	93.1%

This weeks whole school attendance is: 87.6%





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Family and Community

'The Church is a *family* in which *one* is welcomed and learns to live as believers and disciples of the Lord Jesus'



This half term, we are putting a focus on FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

We are thinking about what it means to be a family and community, how we can help others in our family and community and how others can help us. In Gospel Liturgy, we talked about what Family and Community means to the children—they said

- People we can trust and who trust us
- People who can be truthful and who we can be truthful with
- People who give us comfort
- People who are kind, loving and compassionate, who share with us and show to use respect



We reflected on us being disciples on earth—the ones who build the family and community and are active in this.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

WOW! We raised in excess of £600!

This is phenomenal. Thankyou!!

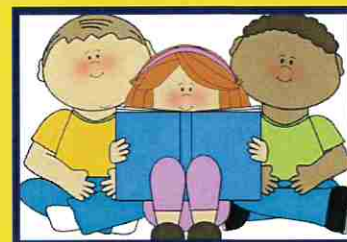
We want to use this for the good of the children to provide them with opportunities that they may not usually have.

We will tell you what we will spend it on before we do...100% of this money will go to the children.

Family Reading Half Hours

Thankyou to all of those family members who have been able to attend! What a wonderful celebration of reading!

Year Group	Date	Year Group	Date
N	13.12.22	3	6.12.22
R	25.11.22	4	13.12.22
1	29.11.22	5	24.11.22
2	30.11.22	6	22.11.22



Letters will go out to individual classes with times and more detail.





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Our Student Ambassadors

What AMAZING leaders—walking examples of Gospel teachings—'Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.' Philippians 2:3-4

Leaders in Faith

This week, our Leaders in Faith have been continuing to visit the classrooms to look for purple prayer spaces and other signs of Catholic Life. They have seen some great expressions of faith!

House Captain Competition

Christmas Table Decoration

Nurturing our God given talents, the school council are running their final competition of the half term—a table decoration competition. Please see the poster for details! And good luck!

The winners of the 100 house points and books for each Key Stage will be announced next week!

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, during this season of Advent, we would like to introduce you to our...

Table Decoration Competition

HOUSE COMPETITION

Create a decoration for the centre of a Christmas dinner table!

Use your God given talents to make a centre piece that the family will enjoy looking at as they eat their Christmas dinner together.

ENTRIES MUST:

- Be made from scratch - no shop bought ones please
- Be small enough to carry easily
- Have your name and class on it
- Only come into school on Monday 12th December

School Council

Don't forget, our School Council are holding a Jolly Jumper Day on 15th December, where children can wear their festive outfits. This is in return for £1 for Birmingham Children's Hospital. See ParentPay

On that day, children may also bring in money to buy from a cake sale run by the School Council.

They are also holding a 20p -a -go Christmas jumper design competition. If your children would like to take part, they can get a sheet from the School Council in 6W. Prize for the winner. Money will go to the hospital.





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TWO Messages from the NHS

Birmingham Children's Hospital's Emergency Department has been under significant, pressure due to high levels of respiratory infections locally

- The Children's Hospital Emergency Department is incredibly busy - **those who are not seriously ill will face very long waits to be seen and may need to go elsewhere for help.** Remember, the Children's Hospital Emergency Department can't help with dental or eye issues. **For an eye emergency, please attend the Midland Eye Centre at Dudley Road open 9am-7pm. NHS 111 can help with finding and accessing an Emergency Dentist**

REMEMBER

Wash your hands

Please see the attached letter about

Group A Streptococcus





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School Uniform Lucky Draw!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHOSE NAMES WERE PULLED OUT OF THE UNIFORM RAFFLE FOR THIS TERM AND WILL ENJOY A GLO SPORTS WORKSHOP ON MONDAY, WITH MR HENNINGHAM

Well done, and thank you to all of those children who were noted to be wearing their uniform with pride.

Harrison	6G	Zain R	6W
Lucy	5P	Hadia	5W
Mary	4P	Alex	4B
Savannah	3M	Jada	3PB
Beekoo	2B	Kylah	2G
Alexis	1M	Alessia	1DG
Leona	6W	Cassie	6G
Sophia	5W	Dimitri	5)
Adam	4P	Samuel	4B
Branice	3PB	Haawa	3M
Tianna	2B	Vinnie	2g
Logan	1m	Enoch	1DG



Birmingham City Council and the Archdiocese of Birmingham recommended to the MAC board and Local Governing Board that St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School reduce the PAN (Published Admissions Number) from 60 to 30 **for September 2024/25 intake**. This is due to a surplus of school places in the Birmingham area and Hodge Hill ward and affects all local schools. **To support this process we are required to consult with all stakeholders.**

The consultation period started on, Monday 28 November 2022 and will end on Monday 9 January 2023.

Here is the link to the School Admissions website where our proposed admissions arrangements are published: [Proposed admissions arrangements 2024/2025](#)

Any comments on the proposed admission arrangements can be made here: [Birmingham BeHeard](#)

**Maranatha! The Lord is coming
Let us share the Good News!**

Have a **WONDERFUL** Christmas—may it be happy and Holy, and we look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on 4th January

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff





Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

Re: Increase in scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent [national/local] increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you think that you or your child might have scarlet fever.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red red 'strawberry' tongue.

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection.

As a parent, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Stop the spread

During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever, there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work until **24 hours** after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Resources

NHS – Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment

Health protection in education and childcare settings

Hand hygiene resources for schools

Online Safety Newsletter

December 2022



Instagram

Is your child on Instagram? You should be over 13 years of age to set up an account.

Instagram is used to post photos and videos. Users can also DM (direct message), send disappearing messages, add to their stories (these disappear after 24 hours) and broadcast live.

Instagram have now introduced new age verification software to help confirm the age of users. Any user who tries to change their age will have to upload an ID document or take a video selfie. You can find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/instagram-rolls-out-age-verification-for-users>

Personalised Digital Toolkit

Answer some simple questions and get age specific advice and recommendations:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family->

Parental controls

With Christmas nearly here and perhaps with presents including new technology or related games being received, we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how to set up appropriate parental controls.

Games/consoles

First, check the PEGI rating of any new games to ensure that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for games and **considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.**

It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games. If a game does allow your child to communicate with others then you can adjust the settings so they are appropriate to your child - or disable it completely.

Secondly, for any consoles (new and old), it is important to set up appropriate controls such as restricting spending limits and again managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for each device:

Xbox:

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/for-everyone/responsible-gaming>

PS5:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch:

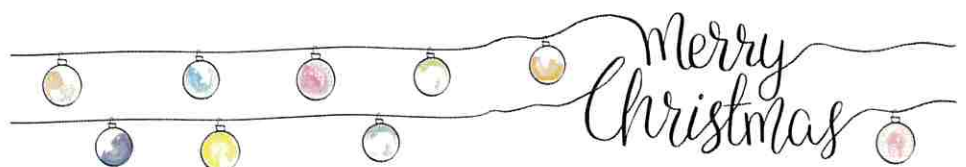
<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Tablets/Smart phones

As well as setting up parental controls on the device itself, remember to check any apps your child would like on their device. Is it suitable for their age? Review all settings and privacy options for each app. For the devices themselves use the available settings to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPads: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Google Play: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>



Be kind online



It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face.

Dr Linda Papadopoulos (Internet Matters Ambassador) provides tips on how you can help your child to be kind online in this

YouTube video such as teaching them how to be inclusive and think about how they would like to be treated online themselves:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BqKi3J7g6Q&t=9s>

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages (or see something that worries them) then they should not reply or engage in conversation with them, but that they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Unicef have a comprehensive area on their website, which talks about what Cyberbullying is and how to stop it:

<https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-to-stop-cyberbullying>

Childline also have a lot of information about Cyberbullying, including advice to those that might be bullying:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>

How can the law help me?

Whilst we wait for the Online Safety Bill to be passed, which will hopefully improve Online Safety, there are certain laws already established to help protect us online. For example, in the UK we have the Malicious Communications Act 1988 that states it is an offence to send a communication that conveys an indecent or grossly offensive message or a threat. We also have the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, which covers threatening behaviour or harassment online.

Report Harmful Content have curated a list of laws that are relevant to online behaviour here:

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/when-should-you-go-to-the-police/>



Online Safety with Google

As part of Google Families, Google have a hub of resources that you can use including conversation starters with links to additional tools and advice and information about parental controls. Google also provide you with resources to help your children build healthier habits and stay safe online. There is also a selection of ideas on how to use technology as a family in a fun and engaging manner such as exploring the world and learning how to code. You can access the hub here:

https://families.google/intl/en_uk/



CEOP: Updated 4-7s website and guide

This updated website from CEOP Education is designed for children to visit with their parents/carers. The children answer a series of questions as they work towards collecting badges. You can find out more here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/4-7s-website/>

Screentime advice

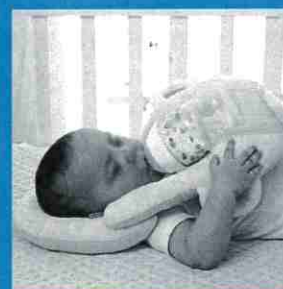
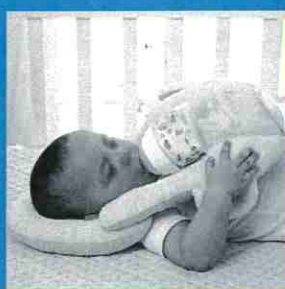
We're often asked how long children should spend on their devices each day. Childnet have created a blog discussing why it is difficult to specify a limit and what you should consider. You can read it here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/screen-time-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

CONSUMER SAFETY ALERT

Baby Self-Feeding Pillows

Risk of serious harm or death



Baby self-feeding pillow products are designed to be attached to a bottle so that the baby may be positioned on its back to self-feed without the assistance of a caregiver holding the bottle and controlling the feed. This is inconsistent with NHS guidance in relation to safe bottle feeding. When used as intended, even whilst under the supervision of a caregiver, it could lead to immediate, serious harm or death from choking or aspiration pneumonia.

Consumers should immediately stop using these products and dispose of them safely.

Businesses must immediately remove these products from the market as they cannot comply with the safety requirements under the General Product Safety Regulations 2005.



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