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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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Welcome back to a new school year.

After two days of training it was lovely to have the children back on Wednesday.

They returned full of energy, with smiles and bursting with excitement!

We will work together to keep this going – as always the partnership between home and school is the key to helping your child to achieve.

Please do try to support them with homework, read with them and talk to them about the work they are doing.

New Staff

We welcome Miss Doyle (Y5), Miss Randell (Y2), Mr Robinson (Y1), Mrs Conway (Nursery), Mrs Else (Y3) and Mr Irons (Caretaker) to St Wilfrid's. I am sure you will make them feel welcome.

Baby News!

Wonderful news over the summer with the safe arrival of Mrs Sadler's baby Isabelle, Miss Hunt's baby Findley, Mrs Lyon's baby Jude and Miss Newton's baby girl – all are doing well.

School Masses

Today we celebrated mass with Father Andrew who will be serving the parish of St Wilfrid's with Father Philip. Mass times will be 9.05 am on Friday's as normal and everyone is welcome to join us.

Year of Mercy

As we start the new school year together, we continue to journey through the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has asked us to make a special effort to show love and compassion to all. Next week, the children will be finding out about Mother Teresa, who was made a saint on Sunday 4th September, and who is a role model of goodness for us all. We will be sharing her words with the children and together we will be using this often during the year.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest people may cheat on you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

In showing Mercy to others, we shall be supporting our chosen charities for the year:

- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Cancer Research UK
- Birmingham Children's Hospital
- Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership Rwanda Appeal
- Father Hudson's Care
- Local Food Banks



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.

School Tuck

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

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

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

Pastoral Care

This year Miss Atkin (Attendance and Family Support) and Mr Aymer (Emotional Well Being and Support) will be working with the school to support families and children.

School Meals

These are cooked on site by Janis and her team and are tasty and adhere to all the national healthy eating guidelines.

Meals are free for all children from Reception to Year 2 and £2.15 per day for children in the Juniors.

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to go onto school dinners.

Prayers

Please pray for Mrs McGee and her family as her sister passed away last week.

Please also pray for Mathew Brett's (Y6) brother, Thomas, who is in hospital as a bone marrow donor is sought.

Have a good weekend and Happy Eid to those in our school community celebrating on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

R Baker and staff

