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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

### Newsletter No 24 – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

What a busy week we have had at St Wilfrid's.

#### St Patrick's Day

It was so wonderful to see so many children and staff dressed in the colour green to celebrate St Patrick's day!



#### Lent

Again, thank you for your kind charity donations for Cafod, Father Hudson's and Unicef Ukraine Appeal, by sending in £1 with your child for non-uniform day. **Please remember that if your child does come in non-uniform, they must bring in £1 for these very worthwhile charities. This is OPTIONAL – if you do not intend to donate on any week, your child may continue to come in uniform.**

On Tuesday, we welcomed Margot Scotford in from Father Hudson's Care. She talked to the children about the wonderful work that takes place at Father Hudson's Care and explained what their money was used towards. Thank you to Margot for an inspiring presentation.



Year 6 really lived out their mission to care for others, and support the vulnerable this week, when a group, accompanied by Ms Isaac, Miss Donald and Miss Anderson helped to prepare food supplies at The Pantry on Coleshill Road. We are extremely proud of the relationship that they have built up with this worthwhile group in our community and we are so pleased that they are truly prophets of the Word of God - 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink' (Matthew 25:35)





**Year 3** will be supporting “Let’s Feed Brum”! This charity provides food, essential supplies and friendship to those living on the streets of Birmingham. They aim to help as many homeless people as possible, putting them on the path to safe, independent living.

Year 3M and Year 3C will be creating “care boxes” for the homeless. They will be collected on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, we are collecting the following items:

**Blankets, sleeping bags, coats, woolly hats, socks, and gloves.** Second hand items in good condition are greatly appreciated.

Toiletries **including roll-on deodorant, wet wipes, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and small packs of tissues.**

Food items for on the go including **cereal bars, chocolate bars, bottled water, nuts**, etc.

**How else can you help the homeless?**

If you are concerned about someone that you have seen sleeping rough, you can send an alert on the following website -

<https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>

The details you provide are sent to the local authority or outreach service so they can find the individual and connect them to support.

**Request from our Eco Council!**

Another call from our Eco Council for you to help the with building their nature garden – they would like any donations of flower seeds, bulbs or small shrubs. There is a box in the entrance for you to deposit them. Thank you, in advance



**Parent Partnership**

- This week, Year 1 will be holding a parent phonics workshop – **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 – 2 -3 pm.** We can’t wait for parents and children to be working together again in school! Watch this space to find out what they got up to!



**Sacramental Preparation**

Thank you to those many parents who attended the Sacramental Meeting this week. If you missed the meeting, please contact the office and we can make sure that you have the information you need. Please see the diary dates coming home with these children today.





### **Covid-19**

#### **What will be different?**

- Twice weekly asymptomatic testing is no longer required.
- Wearing of face coverings in communal areas is no longer required.

#### **What will stay the same?**

- It is no longer a legal requirement to isolate for 5 days or more, up to a limit of 10 days, depending on when 2 negative LFDs are received. However, WE WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE YOU TO DO THIS and our advice to staff is the same.
- We will ensure good hygiene, cleaning and ventilation

It is also important to note that, in the event of an outbreak, we may be advised to return to testing, face coverings or other measures.

### **Lost Property**

We are hoping to remove the need for boxes and boxes of lost property to be kept in school! Please ensure that you label your child's clothing and we will endeavour to get lost items back to children.

### **Matt's Mission Children's Charity**

Matt's Mission Children's Charity is an award-winning registered charity founded in 2011 by Matt Denning, whose grandad was the inspiration after being diagnosed with cancer.

The charity supports seriously ill children with cancer and special needs. The aim of the charity is to make Smiles Glow and the charity achieves this by granting them wishes. Hospital and Hospice visits are often carried out with gifts.

One of our wonderful children, Niamh (2B) will be raising money for this charity by taking part in a sponsored hair donation event on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. If you would like to sponsor Niamh, please see the link below.

[https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/Niamhsponsoredhairdonations?fbclid=IwAR1TLu6IHAs5s25UsoujuKN8KxPRloohTKn1Z41ftWtgn5TCn5txs\\_KMULA](https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/Niamhsponsoredhairdonations?fbclid=IwAR1TLu6IHAs5s25UsoujuKN8KxPRloohTKn1Z41ftWtgn5TCn5txs_KMULA)

### **British Science Week**

This week the children took part in British Science Week; a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that takes place every year in March.

The theme this year was 'Growth' and every class across school got involved in investigating whether or not Gummy Bears grow!

We had a fabulous time investigating and after lots of questions were asked, the investigation decided upon and set up and measurements taken - we discovered that, yes, Gummy Bears can indeed grow! The children worked hard to show and share their scientific knowledge, skills and understanding and we are very proud of the work they did. We have celebrated their work in Merit assembly, with a special 'Science Star' award this week and look forward to hearing more about the fabulous science work that goes on each week in school. The awards have gone to: Anabia, Jimmy (Rec), Alfie (1M) all of 1DG, Sarim, Connor (Y2), Hannah, Alex, Tyler (Y3), Zariah, Lucy, Amaya (Y4), Patryk, Oliver, Iga (Y5), Joseph, Elijah (Y6). Well done!

### **Virtues and Values**

This half term we are trying to be more '**Intentional and Prophetic**'.

Congratulations to Rayyan (1M) and Nevaeh (5W) who are the winners of the certificates this week.





### STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Ehsan
Reception NM	Alliana
Reception SS	Lucy-Lou
Year 1DG	Yahya
Year 1M	Vinnie
Year 2B	Mason
Year 2G	Branice
Year 3C	Leo, Aironas
Year 3M	Sara, Cameron
Year 4B	Eunice
Year 4P	Lottie
Year 5P	Jessica
Year 5W	Jenson
Year 6G	Denusun, Ellie-May
Year 6W	Isaiah
Sports Award	Orlando (6W)
Wise Owl Award	Alex (5W)
Music Award	Scott (6G)

### HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE: Do Not Park or Drop off on Yellow zig-zag lines



Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited.

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

You may also find an upright sign, indicating a mandatory prohibition of stopping during the times shown.

Please do not be offended if one of our staff (or another helpful member of the community) reminds you of these rules, we all want to keep our children safe.



### **Prayers**

We offer our prayers this week for those in our community, far and wide, who need our support. We continue to remember those in Ukraine and send our thanks to those who are working hard to support them

Have a lovely weekend – fingers crossed for more sunshine!



Yours sincerely,

*Milligan L. Mustard*

**Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff**

