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NEWSLETTER

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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

Week two already—a lovely week in school. The children have settled back in beautifully and we are very proud of their hard work.

An exciting week for Year 3 who welcomed in the Stone Age visitors! They stepped back in time , finding out about how people of the time survived - weapons, clothing, food.

A lovely Mass led by year 5 yesterday— a wonderful way to start the day, in prayer and song . Do join us next week for year 4's Mass.

We have been reflecting upon our new Catholic Social Teaching this week—**RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES**.

The children heard the Parable of the Good Samaritan and thought about what the rights of all human beings are and how we have a responsibility to help if these rights are not being met. We thought about food, water, shelter, love, compassion, medical care -all those things that are a RIGHT.

This half term, in class, and AT HOME, our children will be thinking about who, in society, is not having their rights met and how we can help. Each class will be carrying out an ACT of SERVICE after half term, so this half term they will be getting prepared—think who this will be to help and what they are going to do. If they ask to talk about this at home, please encourage them.

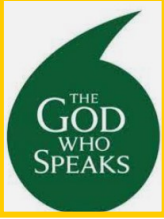




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The God who Speaks



This week in Gospel Liturgy, we shared the Gospel of Luke, hearing about The Good Samaritan, who helped a stranger in need, giving him food, water, shelter, clothes, love and compassion. We heard the words:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, love your neighbour as yourself

We started to consider who we could help to access those basic rights, during Lent, after half term. This is our **MISSION!**

Virtues Award

Infants

Eiman (1M)

Juniors

Doniro (6W)

Right of the Week



Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance)

Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

Remember, we have an excellent Pastoral Team, with Mrs Whittingham at the forefront—if you need anything—advice, support, pre-loved uniform etc drop in or give us a call.



Virtues of the Half Term



Eloquent and Truthful

This half term, we are learning to be more Eloquent and Truthful.

Teachers will be asking children to consider those in need for Lenten Acts of Service - watch this space for eloquent explanations from our children of whom we can help. We will Tweet and report back here on those we plan to help.





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Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school
Friday 6th Jan	Reception eye tests—THESE WERE UNAVOIDABLY CANCELLED TODAY BY THE NURSING TEAM AND WILL BE REARRANGED
Monday 9th Jan	Y3 Stone Age Workshop—PAYMENT ON PARENT PAY AND OPTION TO WEAR COSTUME
Mon 30th Jan—am	Y5 and 6 West Midlands Police Workshop
Monday 30th Jan—pm	R and Y6 Heights and Weights
Thursday 9th Feb	Parent Coffee Morning—come and have a catch up!
Thursday 16th Feb	Y5 Maths Challenge
Friday 17th Feb	Break up for half term
Wednesday 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday (this is during half term)
Spring 2	Lenten Acts of Service - watch this space
Wednesday 1st March	Father Hudson's Assembly
Monday 13th March	Sublime Science Workshop -small charge on Parent Pay
Tuesday 21st March	Class Photos
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter Holidays



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.

Thank you 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	Abdul
RCT	Alesia
RNM	Ayaan
1DG	Talia
1M	Acer
2B	Shadae
2G	Brayah
3M	Emmanuella
3P	Dawood
4B	Sahibnoor
4P	Alivia
5P	Jaiden
5W	Ahmed
6G	Preston
6W	Gary
Wise Owl	Yahya (2B)
Music	Alex (6G)
Sport	Logan (1M)
Lunchtime	Y2, Y3, Dimitri (5P), Ahmad (6W), Arsema (1DG), Kyla (2G)

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

Miss Turner's Walk Once A Week Award



Keep Walking—who will win the award for January for walking the most? Watch this space!



Attendance—period 2nd—6th Jan 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 95%

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Class	%
RCT	89.1%
RNM	79.4%
1DG	96.9%
1M	90%
2B	93.1%
2G	88.4%
3M	89.8%
3P	95.8%
4B	97%
4P	93.9%
5P	92.2%
5W	93.5%
6G	86.2%
6W	93.7%

Last weeks whole school attendance was: 91.1%



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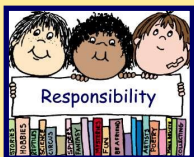
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Rights and Responsibilities

"Each person is therefore called to contribute with courage and determination...to the respect of the fundamental rights of every person" - Pope Benedict



This half term, we are putting a focus on RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.



The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.

This half term, we are encouraging the children to consider their responsibility in helping the rights of others to be met.

One of the ways in which we, as a school, support the rights of our families is through the work of our Pastoral Team and our Friends of St Wilfrid's Group. See the leaflet attached about our next planned **COFFEE MORNING** on **THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY at 9am ONWARDS.**

This is an opportunity to meet up and recharge with a drink and a biscuit!



Our children live our school Mission every single day—"We follow Christ's example to always do our best".

This half term, we will be preparing to **TAKE ACTION** after half term with our **Lenten Acts of Service**. This half term, children will be delving into research about groups/charities/members of society who they feel it is their responsibility to support.

We have a small group of Year 6 girls who are already taking a responsibility for others—they are making and selling bookmarks for a donation of your choice (minimum £1), raising funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital. If your child wishes to purchase a book mark, they need to put their order into Year 6 and then bring their money when it is ready for collection. The girls will let you know! Well done to Daisi-Mai, Honour, Aurora and Laiba





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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

Faith Leaders

Our Faith Leaders have been busy re-dressing our prayer tables in green as we have now moved out of the Christmas Season, back into Ordinary Time. Thank you, William and Lacey.

House Captains

Next week the House Captains will be launching a new competition

I wonder what it will be...!



School Council

Our School Council are busy preparing for their next meeting on January 17th, so watch this space for updates.





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Community News

St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School
Pastoral Team x FOSW invites you for

COFFEE



CONVERSATION

The Firs hub & other professionals will
be attending

Thursday February 9, 2023

From 9am

School Hall

#TimeToTalkDay





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Reading

EXCITING NEWS! NEW PHONICS SCHEME INCOMING!

We have invested in a new phonics programme called 'Little Wandle Letters & Sounds Revised' to teach early reading and spelling to our children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.**

Over the next few weeks more information regarding this programme, and ways in which you can help at home, will be available on our website.

In the meantime, you will notice that your child will bring home a brand-new reading book from our new reading scheme, **after they have confidently read it in school.**

Please help us by listening to your child read and talk to them about the importance of looking after their book and putting it safely back in their school bag.

Children will also be asked to take home a 'sharing book' of their own choosing, that you can read and discuss with your child. We are really trying to encourage our children to love books! With this in mind, unfortunately a charge of £5.00 will be incurred for any books that are lost or damaged. We are very excited about this new phonics journey and fostering a love of reading in our school.



A massive congratulations to Mr Dodds on the safe arrival of Xavier, who was born on Tuesday. We are delighted to hear of his safe arrival and are glad to hear that both he and Mrs Dodds are well. A little brother for a very happy Aowyn!



Have a lovely weekend —
Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff

