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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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As we approach half term, I wanted to thank you all; children, parents and staff at St Wilfrid's, for the amazing job you have done during the most recent lockdown.

It has not been easy, but the great community of St Wilfrid's has 'pulled together', as always, in the face of this deadly virus - thank you so much.

Safer Internet Day

This took place this week, with all children finding out more about the amazing opportunities and information online, whilst also considering how they can separate fact from fiction.

There is still chance to find out useful tips and advice for parents by visiting www.saferinternet.org.uk.

Lent

The season of Lent begins on **17th February 2021 with Ash Wednesday.**

This is traditionally marked with the tracing of ashes in the form of a cross on the forehead. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent; a time of prayer, penance and alms-giving (charitable donations).

While we will not be able physically at school to receive the ashes, the children have already been considering charities to raise money for. This year, more than any other, it is important that we reach out and help other people, as well as looking after ourselves.

Each class has chosen a charity, or cause, they would like to support during Lent and we, as a school, will also be supporting Cafod, Father Hudson's and the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership Rwanda Project. We are grateful for all your support this year in helping our children to help others. Your child's teacher will be in touch to let you know the arrangements for these supportive activities.

Each Friday, during Lent, will be a Non-Uniform Day and in return we ask for £1 per family.

Week Commencing	Year Group	Charity	Activity
22 nd Feb	4	NSPCC and Childline	Bingo
1 st March	6	Alton Castle	Fill a Smartie tube with coins
8 th March	Reception	Birmingham Dogs' Home	Dress up like a dog day
15 th March	5	Trussell Trust (Erdington Food Bank)	Board Game play day - Pay as you Play
22 nd March	2	Priestley Rose Care Home	Cinema Afternoon
29 th March	3	Homely homeless charity	Picnic Party
29 th March	1	Heartlands Hospital Neo Natal Unit	Pyjama day, movie afternoon with snacks

Nursery will support Shelter. They will launch an appeal throughout Lent on the newsletter for donations of toiletries, hats, gloves etc





Nursery

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they are eligible for a Nursery place in September 2021. If you would be interested in a place in our wonderful Nursery, then please call at the school office to complete an application form.

Job Vacancy - HR Advisor

The Columban Missionaries invites applications for the part-time position of HR Advisor. Based in the Columban Mission Office at St. Columban's in Solihull, the successful candidate will provide HR support on employee relation issues, will undertake recruitment and be responsible for on-boarding and the life cycle of all our employees and volunteers. For more information and to apply visit: www.columbans.co.uk or email to: hr@columbans.co.uk. Deadline for applications: Sunday 28th February 2021.

Concerns about dogs

Recently we have had a number of concerns raised about dogs outside the school gate.

As you are all aware, dogs are not allowed on the school site, something which our dog owners adhere to. However, if bringing your dog to collect your child, can I ask that you do not wait with the dog right outside the school gates, as this can worry some children and create a 'bottle neck' on the narrow pavements near to school.

Thank you in anticipation.

Values and Virtues

We are continuing to be '**Grateful and Generous**'.

Congratulations to Ella-Marie (1GP) and Matteus (5M) who are the winners of the certificates this week.

STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Logan
Reception CT	Xamora
Reception SS	Remirez
Year 1M	Emmanuella, Niamh
Year 1GP	Blessing, Mujtaba
Year 2B	Eurabena, Nathan
Year 2G	Kayla
Year 3C	Mariam
Year 3M	Hadia
Year 4B	Aurora, Sabontu
Year 4P	Zane
Year 5B	Adan
Year 5M	Dylan, Javeria
Year 6G	Leah, Yasmeen
Year 6TW	Archie, Niall
Sports Award	Paris (6TW)
Wise Owl Award	Ava (1M)

Well done everyone!





Farewell

We say goodbye to Samantha Marklew, School Cook, who is leaving St Wilfrid's after 15 years of service. We thank her and wish her well in her new home in Tamworth - you will be missed.

Prayers

We pray for all those in our school community in hospital battling Covid-19.

School breaks up today for half term and re-opens Monday 22nd February 2021.

Have a good break and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

R Baker and staff

