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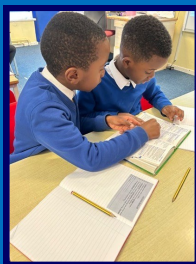
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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th January 2023

Newsletter No.17

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

It is with sadness, that this week we have lost a loved member of our St Wilfrid's Community. Hannah Cusack, mum to Acer (Y1) and Cleo and Micah who have now left our school to move onto secondary school, passed away, unexpectedly after a short illness. We extend our heart felt sympathies to the whole family and we remember them and Hannah in our prayers.

**Eternal Rest , grant unto her O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.**



It's been a chilly, but busy week here at St Wilfrid's. Our new-phonics scheme is underway, we have been busy beginning to plan our Lenten Acts of Service, and our School Council held their regular meeting. Two new apple trees have arrived in school for planting next week , so watch this space for photos in next week's letter, and that's not to mention all the other learning that has been taking place!

We welcome back Mrs Milligan who has been poorly over Christmas and recovering over the past two weeks —she has been missed ... but she's back!

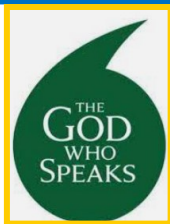




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## The God who Speaks



This week in Gospel Liturgy, we shared the Gospel of John, hearing about how John the Baptist recognised Jesus, after he had been baptised, as he shone the light of the Holy Spirit from within.

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

Our MISSION this week has been to shine the light of the Holy Spirit on others by doing something lovely for them.

## Virtues Award

### Infants

Kylah (2G)

### Juniors

Shaher Bano (2G)

## Right of the Week



Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)

Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

We were talking in school this week about spreading the light of kindness—talk at home about wise choices.



## Virtues of the Half Term



## Eloquent and Truthful

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

We asked children to talk at home about who we could support during Lent. This week, Louie from 3M spoke eloquently to School Council about a charity close to the heart of his family.

Alison Cope the founder of the charity, works 'to help prevent youth violence by sharing her son's unique life and death story to help educate young people on the realities and consequences of youth violence.' Have a look at her webpage—[www.alisoncope.com](http://www.alisoncope.com) to find out more about the Joshua Ribera Foundation

We will be talking about this more over the next few weeks as Louie will be organising, with School Council, a non uniform day to fundraise for this worthy cause.





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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
Wednesday 8th Feb	Cafod Assembly
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.**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022~~

~~Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022~~

~~Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022~~

~~Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023~~

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023







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## Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Amiolaoluwa
RCT	Ethan
RNM	Kay'arnie
1DG	Alex
1M	Alexis
2B	Xamora
2G	Alessia
3M	Niamh
3P	Troy, Mateusz
4B	Nathan, Alex
4P	Joshua
5P	Zarbakht
5W	Usman
6G	Cassie
6W	Dontae
Wise Owl	Antonia (1DG)
Music	Olivia (6G)
Sport	Deron (4B)
Lunchtime	Niamh (3M), Jessica (3P), Julia (2G), 4B & Y2

### 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 9th—13th Jan 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RCT	88.7%
RNM	83.8%
1DG	92.4%
1M	80.5%
2B	92.5%
2G	90%
3M	92%
3P	96%
4B	95.5%
4P	92.7%
5P	91.3%
5W	92.9%
6G	86.6%
6W	98.3%

Last weeks whole school attendance was: 91.1%



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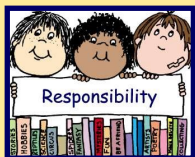
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## Rights and Responsibilities

"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.

**Please talk to your children about this. So far we have have two charities suggested to us Please take some time to look at them**

<https://www.alisoncope.com/>

<https://www.theteddyrosefoundation.org/>



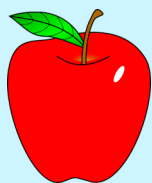


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## Student Ambassadors

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



### Stewards of Creation

School Council will be appointing a group of pupils, next week, to be **Stewards of Creation**. They will be responsible for caring for God's beautiful world—saving resources, collecting litter, watering plants, trimming plants and bushes> their first job will be to plant two small apple trees with Mr Conway, one of our Governors. The trees were donated by National Trust and will be part of their project to create a Ring of Blossom.

### House Captains

**Science Experiment**

**HOUSE COMPETITION**

St Wilfrid's - Here is another fantastic opportunity to use your God-given talents!

Plan and carry out a science experiment of your choice, at home. Take some photos and then write about what you did and what you found out.

Which area of science will your experiment be about?

Prizes to be won!

100 house points and an amazing science book

ENTRIES MUST BE:

- On paper - Easy to display on a wall
- In by Tuesday 14th FEBRUARY 2023

#### NEW HOUSE CAPTAIN

#### COMPETITION!

**CARRY OUT A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT AT HOME!**

Explore God's wonderful world through the world of science!

Will you experiment with plants, light, electricity, force, materials.

**YOU MUST ASK AN ADULT TO HELP YOU...DO NOT DO THIS ALONE!**

**Winners get 100 house points and a fun science book!**

The Mysterious Floating Egg Experiment  
by Heinrich, Arjan, Yusuf and Kayra (G6)

**Equipment**

- egg
- clear glass
- salt
- teaspoon

**Method**

- 1) We filled a glass with water and put the egg in.
- 2) We took the egg out and added lots of salt to the water. We then put the egg back in the water and the egg floated!

**What did we find out?**

The egg is more dense than tap water but less dense than salt water so it floats on top of that!

We loved doing our experiment!

### School Council

What an amazing School Council we have. They discussed some very important agenda items —World Book Day, Lenten Acts of Service and some other issues brought from individual classes. As always, School Council will keep you up to date with any important developments.







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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

### NEW PHONICS SCHEME—LITTLE WANDLE !

Our new phonics scheme—Little Wandle—is now up and running and we have **ALREADY** seen a difference in our children's reading!

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



We have been busy behind the scenes organising our new library. This takes time, but we are taking the next steps, collecting up all of our school reading material, which we will be sorting into categories to help your children to choose a book that is most suited to their ability. This will help them to love what they read. We will keep you updated as the journey moves on.



Have a lovely weekend — stay safe and wrap up warm!

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff

