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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Newsletter No 22 – 4th March, 2022

What a busy first week back we have had: celebration of St David's Day, a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass led by Year 6, World Book Day and Lenten Non-Uniform Day today! SO much learning!!

And wonderful news - over half term, Mrs Galvin gave birth to beautiful Rosie. Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Galvin!

Lent

As a school, we are taking the opportunity to be Intentional and Prophetic this half term. We are taking time to think about how we can help others, listening to the 'God who Speaks' and demonstrating this message from God in our own lives.

On Wednesday, we marked the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass and prayer services. KS2 children received a cross of ashes on their forehead and our infants wore a cross on their clothes to signify that they are using this time before Easter to become closer to God through word and deed.

'God's gifts are given to be shared' 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Our children will shortly begin undertaking their Lenten Act of Service, helping out groups in need in our local and wider community.

A reminder that every Friday between now and Easter will be a non-uniform fundraising event in return for a pound for charity. We continue to raise money for our school Lenten charities of Cafod and Father Hudson's, and, have this year, also decided that the money will be split into thirds, allowing us to make a donation to the UNICEF Ukraine Appeal. Thank you, in advance for your kind donations.

Road Safety outside of school

Please remember when dropping off and collecting your children from school to drive and park responsibly. We have had a number of cases of parents pulling up in the yellow zig zag lines outside of school, which is not safe. It has restricted pavement use and makes it difficult for children and parents to cross safely. Please be advised that, if caught, registration number details will be passed to the local police for breach of the highway code, which could lead to penalties being issued.

Parent Consultations for Y4P

A reminder to Y4P that Parent Consultations will take place on **Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th March**. If you have not already done so, please sign up for a time slot to talk through your child's progress. Booking closes at 12pm today so if you have not yet booked your appointment, please call the school office. Thank you.

Special Dinner - Wednesday 16th March, 2022

To celebrate St Patrick's Day, there will be a special dinner on **Wednesday 16th March**. On the menu there will be roast gammon, quorn roast, colcannon mash, cabbage, carrots, gravy, jelly, fruit, yoghurt. If your child currently brings in packed lunches and would like a school meal on Wednesday, then please let the school office know. The price of a meal is **£2.40** which can be paid on Parentpay. (Payment is only required for Y3-Y6 only).

Crumpets will also be available every Friday from next week, cost 35p. Thank you.





Infant Mental Health Lead -Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Please find below the link for our First 1001 days parent/caregiver survey. This should only take about 10 minutes for parents/caregivers to complete. Please feel free to share this far and wide! We would really value responses from as many families – mums, dads, and wider primary caregivers – as possible.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KE8HLY/>

Covid-19

As we move further away from Covid -19 restrictions, it is a good time to update you on the new guidelines that we are bound to follow in school.

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.

World Book Day 2022!

Wow! What amazing costumes we saw yesterday! Even more than that, what a lot of reading took place! The aim of World Book Day was to further inspire our children to read, and we spotted more than one reluctant reader pick up a book and dive right in! Over the next few weeks and months, we will be working hard with our 'Reading for Pleasure' campaign, redeveloping our library, adding in further timetable slots for the enjoyment of individual and whole class reading and, rumour has it, that there will be a travelling library in the area which we at St Wilfrid's are going to be helping out with ...watch this space for more news of exciting developments!

Why not send us a photograph of your children enjoying a good book at home and we will share it with everyone else on Twitter!

The winners of the best costume in each class were: Rec-Mason and Acer, Y1-Kyla and Eesa, Y2-Cecilia and Ashayla, Y3-Ariah and Tyler, Y4-Kaiden and Amaya, Y5-William and Zainab, Y6-Emad and Julia. Well done!

The book cover winners were: Jan, Amy (RNM), Zariah (4B) and Aroosh (6W). Well done!

Virtues and Values

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

Congratulations to Niamh (2B) and Angel-Lee (5P) who are the winners of the certificates this week.





STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Whole class
Reception NM	Iman-Rose
Reception SS	Jimmy
Year 1DG	Tiana
Year 1M	Whole class
Year 2B	Klay
Year 2G	Blessing
Year 3C	Camilla
Year 3M	Samuel, Mahmoud
Year 4B	Nabeel, Mayla
Year 4P	Hassam, Mariam
Year 5P	Shaan
Year 5W	Laiba
Year 6G	Anaie
Year 6W	Javeria
Sports Award	Riley (4P)
Wise Owl Award	Tyler (3M)
Uniform Award	Eliana (1DG), Catalin (3C)
Music Award	Alex (5W)

Spring Term total house points:

Matthew 2103

Mark 2956

Luke 2145

John 1908

Well done everyone!

Prayers

Please remember the family of Mrs Whitehouse in your prayers, a former staff member, who, sadly, passed away during half term.

Eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord, and let perpetual light shone upon her. May she rest in peace Amen.

We wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff

