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Dear Parent/Guardian

Newsletter No 1- 10th September, 2021

Welcome back everyone to the new academic year at St Wilfrid's!

The children, as always, have started so enthusiastically and have loved joining their new classes and seeing their friends again. It is lovely to have the chatter and sounds of the children back into the school.

Covid 19 - Return to School

In line with Government guidance on the return to school, children are no longer in 'bubbles' and we have returned to our usual start and end times at school.

We continue to make sure that good hygiene is practiced, with frequent hand washing, and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes.

In school, we ensure that windows are opened and good ventilation is in the school building.

Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19 is being followed and Track and Trace will now be managing positive cases and close contacts of these and subsequent actions to take. We do, at St Wilfrid's, ask you to continue to wear a face mask when coming to the school office, as this is quite a confined space.

Please also be mindful of the continued need to think about keeping space and distance at all times - this now being our personal responsibility.

Our Lady and All Saints MAC - Celebration week

Next week, we celebrate our membership of the Our Lady and All Saints MAC once again, with a further launch celebration. Children will be watching a video about all schools in the MAC, carrying out activities, contacting other schools and attending a virtual Mass in order to get to know our new extended family and celebrate our journey together.

Mr Baker will also be asking the children, on Monday, to bring in non-perishable goods for a food bank collection between Tuesday and Thursday. These goods will be donated to The Hub, Bromford. We thank you, in advance, for your kind donations.

School Uniform

While we have been very lucky to have had the sunny weather lately, we are now back to our Winter Uniform:

Boys - Grey trousers, white shirt, blue school jumper, school tie, grey socks

Girls - Grey skirt, pinafore or grey school trousers, white blouse, blue school cardigan/jumper, school tie, white/grey socks or tights.

Please note footwear should be black sensible shoes.

All uniform should be labelled with your child's name. Each year we have vast amounts of uniform unclaimed in our lost property.

School Uniform can be purchased online by visiting My Clothing Limited. School ties are available in the school office to buy - £3.00 for an elasticated tie and £3.30 for a normal tie.





School meals

Please could you ensure that if your child's school meal pattern changes, you inform the school office. Your child can have school dinners some days and packed lunches others, but it is imperative that you let us know the meal pattern to avoid being charged unnecessarily. You can pay for your child's school meals via Parentpay. If you do not have your username and password, then please contact the school office. Thank you.

Parking and Driving

Please could we ask that you park and drive carefully in order to keep all children and pedestrians safe. We will be asking the local police to commence 'spot checks' in the mornings and afternoons. Police fines will be issued if necessary.

Healthy Eating and Drinking

At first break, Janis and her team in the kitchen, have on sale toast, milk and juice (please note this contains no sugar or preservatives).

All children have their own school water bottles and access to water throughout the day.

If children have packed lunches, they bring in their own drinks, but this is for them at lunchtime.

Infants also have access to free fruit in the morning and Juniors are welcome to bring in their own fruit for first break (no crisps or chocolates allowed).

New Teachers

We welcome Mr Perry (5P) and Mrs Woodfield (5M) to St Wilfrid's. I know you will make them feel welcome and we look forward to their contribution to our school.

Leavers

Over the summer holidays, Mrs McGee decided to retire after over 20 years at St Wilfrid's.

She has known and worked with so many children and families over this time and she will be greatly missed.

We wish her a happy and long retirement.

Secondary Transfer September 2022

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to submit a secondary school application by **31st October, 2021** in order to receive their secondary school offer on 1st March, 2022. To make an application online please visit <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. If you have any problems, then please contact the school office.

Secondary School Open Days

John Henry Newman Catholic College will be holding an Open Evening for all Year 5 and 6 students on **Thursday 16th September 2021**. Please go to the school's website to book an hour's tour at either **5 pm, 6 pm or 7 pm** - www.johnhenrynewmancatholiccollege.org.uk.

St Edmund Campion Open Evening will take place on **Tuesday 21st September 2021**. Prospective pupils and their parents are invited to visit to tour the school and meet the staff between **6.30 pm – 8.15 pm**. The headteacher will give talks at **6.30 pm and 7.30 pm**. **Parents** are also invited to see the school in operation on **Thursday 23rd September** between **9.45 am and 11.15 am**.

BOA Digital Technologies Academy is a new school which will be opening in September 2022. An open event will be held on **Saturday 11th September** between 9 am – 2.30 pm. Please visit www.boa-digital.co.uk for further information.





Prayers

Please keep Janis's husband, Pete, in your prayers as he recovers from a recent stroke, and Mrs Ward's brother, who is in hospital suffering from Covid.

Please also keep Lilyrae's family (6G) in your prayers as her nan has recently passed away.

It is encouraging to see school life closer to what used to be the norm, but we all need to remain vigilant to the threat of the virus.

We hope that this year will be one for which we remember happier times.

Have a good weekend

R Baker and staff

