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Dear Parent/Guardian

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Return to School: Monday 8th March, 2021

On Monday, we finally get to welcome all our children back to St Wilfrid's school.
It will be lovely to see everyone and have a full school again - we have missed you all!

Important Reminders

In order to be able to continue to drive down infection rates and thus keep our schools open, we must remember the government message of 'Hands. Face. Space'.

- All adults **must** wear face coverings when on the school site (unless you have a medical exemption).
- We ask, wherever possible, that only one adult comes to drop off or collect their children.
- Please ensure you do not mix with other households and you keep 2 metre distance between adults.
- While tempting, as we will not have seen others for some time, do not congregate on the school playgrounds or the school gates.

School Day Timings

Nursery, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - Start 8.45 am Finish Time 3.15 pm

Reception, Year 2, Year 3 - Start 9 am Finish Time 3.30 pm

These times are staggered to cut down on congestion on the playgrounds and Shawsdale Road.

Please note, the school gates will be open from 8.30 am to allow a 'trickle in' system, again to cut down on congestion.
Staff will be carrying out Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly, but our children will not.

It is very important that if children are unwell with Covid symptoms, they **do not** come to school and a Covid test is conducted.

World Book Day 2021

On Thursday, we celebrated with millions of other children, World Book Day. A day of sharing our favourite books and celebrating the wonder and excitement of stories and poems.

Hopefully, you have had chance to visit your child's eSchools homepage, to try our 'Mystery Reader' competition. Lots of St Wilfrid's staff disguised, both physically, and also their voices.

Can you identify all of the readers? It is very hard!

Lenten Appeals

Year 6 started their 'Fill a Smartie tube with coins' to raise money for Alton Castle this week - thank you to them.
Next week, Reception will have their 'Dress up like a dog' day, with all monies going to the Birmingham Dogs Home.
Every Friday will be a Non-Uniform Day during Lent, £1 per family.





Lent - Nursery

During Lent, Nursery are collecting for the charity Shelter, who support the homeless people of all ages who sadly live on the streets of Birmingham. They will need items such as new warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks and personal care items such as toiletries, brushes, combs, packets of wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes and even bars of chocolate. We would be very grateful for the support of our school families and hope that you will be able to donate to our collection. Please hand your donated items in at the school office. Nursery families please give your donated items to the Nursery staff. Many thanks.

Macmillan 'Drink and a Cake' - Friday 12th March 2021

On **Friday 12th March**, we will be enjoying a 'drink and a cake', in our classes, at some point during the day. This is a celebration to welcome the whole school community back together. The £1 non-uniform money on that day will go to Macmillan Cancer Care and we will be reminding the children of the great work this charity do. If your child wishes to take part in this celebration of our community, they must bring a drink and a small cake for themselves on that day. Nursery will enjoy their 'drink and a cake' on **Wednesday 10th March**.

School Mass

Over the last two Thursdays, we have been able to join with Father Vitalis and Corpus Christi School in the celebration of mass via streaming. These masses take place at 9.15 am every Thursday. Please visit [corpuschrististechford/youtube](https://corpuschrististechford.youtube.com/) or [youtube/corpuschrististechford](https://youtube.com/c/corpuschrististechford) if you would like to join in too.

Values and Virtues

We are continuing to be **Attentive and Discerning**.
Congratulations to Vanessa (3M) who is the winner of the certificates this week.

Behaviour Awards

Blue Badge: Suleyman

Purple Badge: Karter P

STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Teheira
Reception CT	Wellington
Reception SS	Karter
Year 1M	Jameelah
Year 1GP	Mateusz and Fletcher
Year 2B	Camilla
Year 2G	Whole class
Year 3C	Sedi
Year 3M	Victoria
Year 4B	Leona
Year 4P	Divine
Year 5B	Miley-Louise, Hamzah
Year 5M	Orlando
Year 6G	Antwaine
Year 6TW	Tristan
Music Award	Y6 Woodwind and Brass players

Well done everyone!





Hodge Hill Church (locally known as the Blue Cross Church)

People from Open Door Community Foundation and Hodge Hill Church have come together, and will soon be hosting and running, Hodge Hill Pantry. For a small weekly subscription of £4, members of the Hodge Hill Pantry will be able to purchase a weekly food shop, including fresh fruit and vegetables and family favourites to stock up the cupboard and fridge. The pantry will have a Covid-safe opening plan, with bookable time slots. Please visit www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk for more information or call Paul on 07720249943 or email YLPHodgeHill@gmail.com. Thank you.

Prayers

We pray for all those ill from the virus and their continued recovery.

Enjoy the weekend and get the uniform ready for Monday!

Yours sincerely,

R Baker and staff

