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Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had a great summer.

It was lovely to see the children on Tuesday – bright, happy and raring to go!

As always the aim is that we work together to ensure that the children make the best progress possible.

New Staff

We welcome Miss Stevenson, Miss Buckley and Ms Mobberley to the team at St Wilfrid's.

Also congratulations to Miss Jones who got married during the holidays and rejoins us as Mrs Davies!

School Uniform

We are now back to our Winter Uniform which is:

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.

Child Protection

St Wilfrid's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people.

The school is an agent of Social Services and in certain circumstances, if there are major concerns about a child, advice from, or referral to Children's Services may be made.

This is a legal obligation of the school.

Attendance and Punctuality

For the children to make the very best progress in their learning, they need to be in school every day.

Poor attendance and punctuality severely limits this learning and often causes them to fall behind their peers and struggle to catch up.

Our 'Wise Up' Programme rewards good attendance. Each term children achieving over 97%+ for that term will receive a 'Gold' certificate and entered into a draw for a chance of being one of 20 £10 cinema voucher winners.

Any child achieving 100% attendance over the whole year will be involved in a 'special school treat' at the end of the year!

(Last year we visited Star City to see 'The Incredibles' and finished off with a Happy Meal!).

Please note re absence during term time – holidays during term time will not be authorised and if taken, risk a fine.

School starts at **8.55 am** for children in Reception to Year 6, finishing at **3.30 pm**.

Our Nursery starts at **8.45 am** and **12.30 pm**.

The school gates will be locked at **9 am** each morning to ensure the safety of the children.

If your child arrives after this time, then they must be escorted to the main office.

Please inform, or make the teachers aware of who is picking up your child from school. If this changes, then please contact the school office – thank you for your co-operation.



Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile

This half term, we are learning to be more **Compassionate and Loving**. We will be thinking about being **compassionate** towards others in our own school community, in the local community and in the wider community. With it being the start of a new academic year, we learn to work and play alongside each other, with **love**. We remember to be **compassionate** to those who need our care – not just our friends, but those outside of our school who need extra support during the colder, darker weather, during the season of Remembrance in November and during the Christmas festivities.

Keep your eyes peeled for how we show **love** and **compassion**, as a school, over the next few months, and look out for the winner of our **Compassionate and Loving** certificate each week – this will be announced in the newsletter.

Break Ins

Unfortunately during the summer break, school was broken into twice, with iPads, laptops and kindles being stolen. Selfish acts which take away from our children.

If you hear of any information on items being sold then please inform the Police.

School Meals

If you pay for your child's meal, then please send it into school in a clearly marked envelope every Monday. The price of a school meal is £2.30 a day, £11.50 per week.

Healthy Tuck Shop

At break time we have toast, yoghurt, milk or fruit juice to buy from our school kitchen.

All Infant children also have the opportunity to have a free piece of fruit.

Other items for first break are not allowed apart from fruit, which Junior children can bring in if they wish. (No chocolate bars, health bars, crisps, sweets etc).

School Masses

These take place every Friday at 9.05 am in St Wilfrid's Church and are led by the children.

Please do join us if you can.

Prayers

Please pray for Miss Buckley, whose father died recently and Mrs O'Donnell, whose grandmother died also.

We look forward to a happy and productive new academic year.

Enjoy the weekend!

Yours sincerely,

R Baker and staff

