



6.10.2023

Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting and busy week in school with lots going on. The Senior Leadership Team has been popping into Maths lessons and talking to the children about their maths which has been wonderful. The children are enthusiastic about their school work and love sharing what they are learning.

### **Football**

Unfortunately, our Year 3&4 mixed football team event at St Nicholas was postponed. We hope to hear about a new date soon.

### **Reception September 2024**

This year we are not holding a traditional open day for prospective families. Instead we are offering personal tours around school for any one considering applying for a place in our wonderful Reception class for their child. We have had more visits this week and our visitors have been very complimentary. Please let friends and families know they can ring and book a tour.

### **Social Media / Phones and Tablets**

I am pleased to say that I have not been made aware of any issues with social media, phones or gaming outside of school this term. This does not mean that we should drop our guard. Built into our Computing and PSHE curriculum is a lot about online safety.

I hope you are finding the monthly online safety bulletins useful. This is something school has invested in to keep everyone up to date with all the new sites and apps.

Please ensure all your parental controls are in place and regularly checked and updated. Check your child's tablet and for our oldest children any phones.

Issues in the past particularly with 'WhatsApp' and online gaming have occurred when children's use of technology was not routinely checked.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### **Lunches**

Please remember to order your child's lunch in advance. Please also discuss your choices with them as every week we have children saying that they don't like a certain thing and their mum or dad keeps ordering it!

## St Wilfrid's PTFA

Thank you to all the parents who went along to Thursday's PTFA meeting at Hartford Hall. Exciting events are planned for the year ahead and in order for them all to happen, your help will be needed. Details will be released soon and you will be able to sign up for events. We are blessed with a fabulous core group of parents who turn up for everything, it would be wonderful for that number to grow.

If you were not able to make the meeting and can offer any help at all please email the PTFA using the [admin@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk)

## St Wilfrid's Day Mass – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Next Thursday morning at 9:15am we will be having a Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid. If you would like to join us please arrive by 9:10am and we will seat you in the chapel before Mass starts. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of our school's Saint.

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Next Thursday, on the Feast of St Wilfrid there will be no PE. ***Please ensure all children are in full school uniform*** and not PE kit for this special celebration.

## School Building Fund

Last week I sent a leaflet from Bishop Mark about the School Building Fund. Over the past few years St Wilfrid's has benefitted from a lot of work carried out by this scheme: Roof resurfacing, New wall panels and fascia around school, a new fence to separate the car park from the path, the top playground resurfaced, one of the school boilers replaced and new line markings on the playground.

In the next few weeks work will be starting on: The paths around the front of school being resurfaced, the last piece of wooden fencing replaced by Pre School, a new metal gate to replace the wooden one at the front of school and new windows to replace our courtyard classroom windows.

I know that the cost of living is hitting lots of our families but the more people who contribute to the School Building Fund means that there is more money in the scheme to improve our school for all the children. You can use the normal school payment system as the School Building Fund has been added.

## Parents' Evenings

Bookings opened for Parents' Evening this week. We have had several requests for alternative days and times. I am very mindful of staff workload and so if you are not able to make an appointment on the planned Parents' Evenings I will ask staff to send you an email to give you a brief overview of how your child has settled in to the new year group. They will do this during appointment gaps on Parents Evening.

## The Joshua Tree

Thankyou for your donations last Friday for this wonderful charity. We raised £118 by wearing something yellow.

## Rags to Riches

Next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a Rags to Riches clothes collection to raise money for school whilst helping reduce landfill waste. More details of what can be included is here:

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/>

## Blue Peter Book Badges

Thank you to Mrs Bold who told me about this.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge?collection=blue-peter-badges>



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Enjoy the warm weather this weekend!

God Bless,

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