



19.1.2024

Dear Parents,

### **Weather**

Well we have certainly had winter weather this week. When the playground is icy we bring the children into the hall in the mornings. We check the playgrounds before children go out during the day. This week we have had times when all playtime has had to be inside, or we've used parts of playgrounds to get the children outside. It is impractical to grit areas as large as the playgrounds.

If and when we get snow we will let children out if they are suitably dressed with warm winter coats, hats, gloves and wellies or snow boots. If they are in school shoes they will have to stay inside as wet feet and socks will make them uncomfortable during the day. On Thursday we went onto the field as the surface was crunchy and dry rather than icy and the children had a great time running off some energy.

### **Uniform**

Staff have been reminding children to take responsibility for their uniform appearance. Missing ties, shirts hanging out and non-uniform PE kit are being challenged in an age appropriate way.

### **Year 2 Assembly**

This was a real treat this morning. Year 2 shared their work on Catholic Social Teaching for Peace. They shared drama, art, singing and signing and gave us all some super messages about how to share God's peace with the world. In March it will be Year 4s turn to do a class assembly.

### **Pick up**

A small number of parents routinely flout our pick up procedures. This is not fair on those that follow them and is not a good example to set the children. Parking at the front at the end of the day is for:

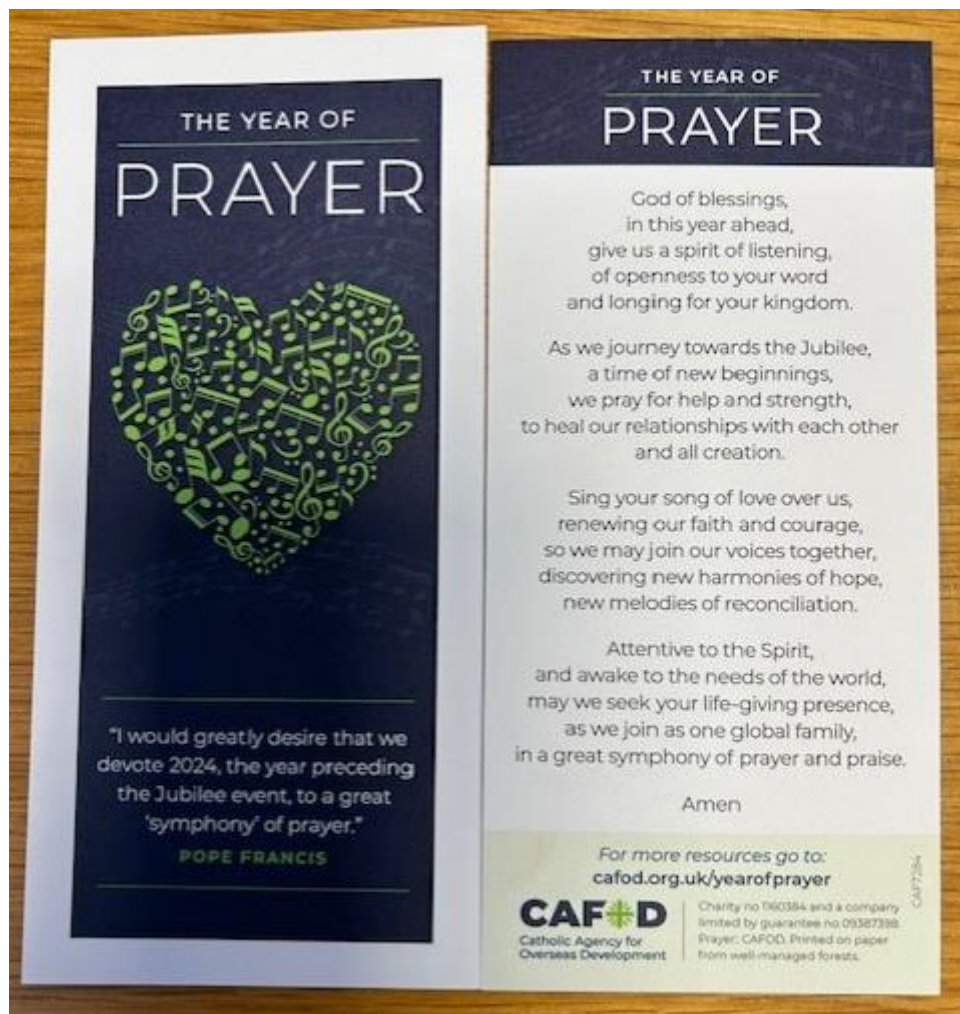
- Pre School pick up and the cars have to be gone **before** 3pm
- Blue badge holders if the designated spaces are full
- Exceptional circumstances agreed in advance with myself

Being five minutes or so late every day is not a valid reason to park at the front of school. Children who are late being picked up will go to Night Owls half hour line which will incur a cost. Staff have meetings and work to complete after school each day and cannot spend time in the foyer waiting. On occasion a parent will ring regarding an unforeseen issue and we will make arrangements for that child as a one off but for some children it is almost every day, which is unfair on them and our staff.

## Year of Prayer

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. He asks us all to join in a great "symphony" of prayer, "to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him."

With this in mind I would like to create a 'Year of Prayer display. I am asking each of our families, our staff and governors to write a prayer. It can be on paper or by email and we will print it to include in our own prayer 'symphony'. It would be wonderful to have prayers in other languages to represent our diverse and wonderful heritages. The prayer can be any style and any length. Please send your prayers in with the children or email them to [admin@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk).



Have a wonderful weekend.

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