



5.7.2024

Dear Parents,

My penultimate letter of the year.

First Holy Communion – Thanksgiving Mass

On Monday 24th June, our First Holy Communicants came to school dressed in their special clothes for their photographs. They had some lovely activities planned to celebrate together with the whole year group. Thank you to Mrs Cannavan who organised a special celebration cake for Year 4.

Fr Paul led a beautiful Mass prepared by Mrs Cannavan and the Holy Communion children all joined in. Thank you too to Mrs Hughes for the guitar playing. Mrs Morrissey, our Chair of Governors handed out the blessed crosses. As Fr Paul said to the children, we all hope and pray that the children will be brought to Mass often to share in the Eucharist.

Reception Class Assembly

On Wednesday morning we were treated to a lovely assembly by our Reception class. They talked to us about our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Preferential Option for the Poor meaning that in all our decision making consideration should always be given first to those most in need. They were so confident and their singing was wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Griffiths for helping the children to shine.

September Uniform – A Reminder

Just a reminder that PE uniform can include navy, no logo track pants. They are available from supermarkets. Please do not buy other colours or send children in with branded sports gear. The T-Shirt and shorts can be purchased from the uniform supplier. No leggings or legging/cycling type shorts please in September. Thank you.

Summer uniform can be worn until the October half term. Please remember that the polo shirts are blue. Only Reception children should be wearing white polo shirts.

School shoes should be black and children should be able to run around comfortably in them. Ballerina style pumps with no cross piece are not suitable as they are not secure and fall off when children are playing.

Children's Liturgy at St Wilfrid's Church

Each week on Sunday at the 9:15am Mass at St Wilfrid's Church there is a Children's Liturgy group. Bring your child along, they will be most welcome.

<https://www.stjohnvianney.co.uk/mass-times/>

Reading Books mean Housepoints!

Please can you have a hunt at home for any school reading books. Over the next two weeks there will be a return reward of 1 house point for each book! That way we are all winners!

Routine

As it comes to the end of the academic year, the children are tired, they have all worked so hard. We try to maintain as much of the normal routine as possible in these final weeks as that helps the children who find this part of the year a particular challenge.

Reports

Reports will be coming home next Thursday. We ask that the children who walk home or attend Night Owls do not open their reports. The reports are for you as parents and carers to read and share with your children. Certain year group reports will contain National Test results or assessments. The KS2 SAT Results are due on Tuesday next week.

Reception will have information on the Early Learning Goals.

Year 1 will have their Phonic Screening Check Result.

Year 4 will have their Multiplication Check result.

Year 6 will have their SAT results and Teacher Assessments.

We are so proud of all the children and their achievements.

PTFA Summer Fair

Thank you to the PTFA for organising last week's Summer Fair. It was lovely to see so many of you there having a wonderful time. The Summer Fair is one of our biggest fundraising events for school, without which the children wouldn't have some of the wonderful things the PTFA provides. They raised a fantastic £2,500 and we hope to double this with Match Funding.

Thank you so much to the same core group of parents who were involved throughout the day and after the event clearing up. Some of those families have children moving to high school in September so it is vital that others become involved in the PTFA events. Thank you too to all the staff who stayed behind to help.

Lunch Accounts

Please can everyone check their school lunch accounts to see if there are any outstanding amounts. These will need to be settled next week.

Goodbyes

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brown who has been with us at St Wilfrid's since 2011. She recently qualified as a Teacher of the Deaf and she will be taking up a position leading a provision in another school. We thank her for all she has contributed to St Wilfrid's and we wish her well.

Miss Harrison has been with us for over a year and will be leaving at the end of term. We wish her well.

Walking to School

Well Mrs Harkness' Walking to School challenge has had a huge impact on the numbers of children walking to school. This morning Mrs Jackson and I were amazed at how many families chose to walk. More information and useful videos can be found at www.livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

Sports Day – Monday 8th July – The gate by the hall will open at 9am

On Monday morning we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports morning. The forecast at the moment is for a dry, sunny morning. Please ensure your child(ren) have a hat and sun cream on as well as a full water bottle.

All children are to come into school wearing their PE kit.

*** PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY, OFF SITE ***

Parking at the front of school should be for Blue Badge holders only. Please do not park in front of the car park gates or block any parents dropping off at Pre School. Access for emergency vehicles for all schools on the campus MUST be maintained.

At 9am, please make your way around the back of school through the single gate by the hall and on to the field by the single gate. Please keep young children under control as cars may be moving in the car park.

When on the field the Reception and KS1 activities will be centred around the track lanes and some seating will be provided. Please keep this seating for those with mobility issues or parents with very young children. Reception and KS1 parents are asked to stay on the side of the tracks with the chairs. This way the staff have a clear view of all the children.

The KS2 activities are mostly within the golden mile path. Children will move from activity to activity. Feel free to follow the activities but PLEASE STAY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE GOLDEN MILE PATH where possible. This path will be used for a long distance run so please ensure you are at least a metre back from the edge. Last year some parents ignored this request and it confused the children when they were moving between activities.

For safeguarding reasons there will be no access to the playground or school during the Sports Morning for any family members. If anyone needs the toilet they will have to go around the front of school and ask at the office.

Not all children in school have permission for their photograph to be taken. Please ensure that if you take a photograph of your child and other children are in it, you have their parent's permission to take the photograph. Please do not upload any photographs of other people's children on to any social media site.

There are a lot of young trees around the edge of the field behind the wooden posts, where the grass is long. They have tree guards around them. Please do not let young children run in this area as the trees are immature and are easily damaged.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless.

Justine McEniff, Headteacher