



12.7.2024

Dear Parents,

One more week to go and my final Friday letter for this academic year. I hope that you have found them useful. It is a good way to share news, to have the odd moan and to celebrate achievements. This week has been incredibly busy week with lots to celebrate.

### **SPORTS DAY**

Thank you to everyone for supporting Sports Day on Monday. Thankfully, the sun shone and we all had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mr Armstrong and some of our former pupils at St Nicholas who came back to help out.

### **SCHOOL GAMES MARK**

Today we heard that we have successfully retained our GOLD School Games Mark. Thank you to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Brown who have coordinated PE in school this year. Lots of strands make up the School Games Mark and the award is evidence based.

### **KS2 SAT RESULTS**

On Tuesday morning Mrs Harkness, Mrs Seville and I received the results of this years KS2 SATs. We were absolutely delighted with the achievements of our Year 6 who have worked so very hard to fulfil their potential. Thanks to Mrs Harkness and Mrs Seville for their belief, dedication, drive and focus to ensure that every child succeeded. Thank you to Mrs Walker and to Mrs Cannavan who have been on the Year 6 journey this year. Thank you too to all the staff in school who have played a part in shaping these wonderful, young people.

### **Year 5 and Year 6 – THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS**

What a fabulous way to celebrate our Year 6 this week. I watched both performances and I was blown away by the acting, singing, dancing, confidence and talent on show. What a wonderful cohort of young people they are. Thank you to Mrs Harkness, Mrs Seville and Mrs Walker for their direction, Mrs Hughes for the music and sound effects, Mrs Simeone and Miss Harrison for props, Miss Seville for choreography and Miss Simeone for wonderful face painting. Thank you to all the staff involved in such a professional performance and for allowing the children to shine. Thank you to all the Year 5 children who formed the chorus and who were integral to the success of the superb show.

### **THE CHILDREN**

The reason we do what we do. Each and every day we are blessed with their enthusiasm, their thirst for knowledge and faith, their resilience and determination,

their humour and their care for each other and the world around them. As a staff we are so proud of all of their achievements this year.

Our wonderful year 6 have worked hard and played hard and their end of year performances and results showed everyone just how amazing they are. A highlight of the year for the staff and for year six, was the residential experience where all the children left their comfort zones, were wonderful company and did themselves proud whilst making memories.

## **PARENTS**

Thank you for your support for your children, the staff in school and myself. Education works best when it has a strong practice of communication. We welcome your feedback when there is an issue and if you have any suggestions for how we can enhance our provision, please do let us know.

## **OUR GOVERNORS**

Our superb champion, Mrs Morrissey, our Chair of Governors has been a constant source of advice, knowledge and support again this year. Always only a phone call away, we are blessed as her support for the children, staff and myself are a tangible example of her dedication to the role of Chair of Governors. We thank her for her commitment to this voluntary post and for the many, many hours she dedicates to it. Mrs Morrissey has once again been the Primary Chair of Governors representative on the Diocese Education Advisory Board and as such serves all Catholic primary schools in the Diocese with faith and wisdom.

Thank you to Mrs O'Hara our Vice Chair and all our other governors who have supported us throughout the year, serving on the various committees and meeting with staff in their 'Link Governor' roles. They have visited school and monitored the learning, been in school weekly to hear children read and have accompanied us on school trips. Mrs O'Hara has led and supported our Mini Vinnies and her wealth of experience in education is a constant source of support for myself and the staff.

A special mention to one of our Parent Governors, Mr Allan Davies whose term of office comes to an end in August. His girls are now at St Nicholas. Thank you, Allan for ten or so years of dedication as a parent and a governor. Mr Davies, helped Mrs Weir with the swimming lessons when they were at Sir John Deane's pool and he has attended countless school trips. He will be greatly missed.

We will be looking to appoint a new Parent Governor in September, details to follow.

## **STAFF**

I would like to thank the office staff, particularly our School Business Manager Mrs Bennett and Mrs Cox for always having my back. We couldn't do without them and their knowledge of school operations is second to none.

Our Deputy, Mrs Harkness, has been a constant support for me and the staff and a champion of our children. Working together with the staff on the curriculum and on teaching approaches, her insight and expertise are invaluable.

Our SENCO Ms Davies for her expertise, experience and drive to ensure that all our children can access all areas of our curriculum and have the support they need to thrive.

Mrs Jackson, our Family Liaison Officer together with our ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Advisors) have worked in school with individual children and groups this year. Their support for children is key. Mrs Jackson's connection to our children and their families who may need an extra bit of support has made a huge difference to so many.

Our teachers and support staff have been nothing short of wonderful. I thank them for their dedication. The good progress made by all our children is testament to the staff in school for all their hard work. All our staff have supported our vulnerable children and those with additional needs and have done so with a caring understanding and dedication that I am constantly inspired by.

Mr Bennett and Mr Apanasionak have been nothing short of wonderful in looking after our school and site. We are continuing with a programme of decoration ensuring that the learning environments around school are bright and welcoming.

Thank you to the Parish team of Fr Paul and Sr Phyllis who have celebrated many Masses with us this year. We appreciate your visits to school and the care and spiritual guidance you give to us and our children.

Thank you to our EBNOC team led by Donna Burston for their hard work this year. The provision they offer with the wide variety of opportunities is so important for our families.

Thank you to our MDA's, Mrs Ackerley and Miss Thompson who also work in EBNOC and Mrs Jayawardena, thank you to our kitchen team who look after our children so well. Our team of cleaners led by Shirley have kept us tidy and clean and always go that extra mile.

Special thanks to Mrs Ackerley for running our Thursday morning 'Toddler Group' with such creativity and enthusiasm.

I have said a lot about our wonderful PTFA this year and I would like to thank them again for all of the opportunities they give to our children. Our small but hopefully growing team of parents have organised discos, surprise rooms, SATs party, the Summer and Christmas Fairs and the End of Year Party for our Year 6. In addition, they have funded lots of resources and events and the wonderful Year 6 Leavers' Book for our Year 6 children to treasure.

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – We will be finishing at normal time on this day.

### **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

Marvellous Makers is this summer's library reading challenge. It is completely free at your local library and I'd like to encourage as many children as possible to take part. The details can be found on this link:

<https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-mini-reading-challenge->

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**PE UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER REMINDER** – Plain, navy joggers and school PE shorts only please.

**REPORTS:** Reports went home with children yesterday. You will have also received your child's registration certificate showing their attendance and late marks. Please acknowledge that you have received the report and comment on the slip provided. Your comments are most welcome.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

If, over the summer you wish to contact school please be aware that the standard email addresses are not routinely checked. If you need to contact us with a safeguarding concern then please email: [safeguarding@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk) . In the case of an emergency you will need to contact the police using 999 and for non-emergency concerns, contact i-ART (Integrated Access Referral Team) at Cheshire West on 0300 12307047

<https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Services/998>

Any non-emergency emails will be forwarded to the [admin@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk)

**GOODBYE & THANK YOU** – For some of our Year 6 families this is their last year associated with St Wilfrid's. For some, the association has been long with several children having attended our school. We wish them well and thank them for their support over the years. Goodbye and good luck to the following families:

***Appleton, Bacon, Baylis, Broady, Brown & Brown & Brown, Burston, Child, Ciborowska, Coot, Harnett, Ho, Kamrancyk, Leigh, Lomas, Lucas, Lustre, Meenan, Novak, Proctor, Rowling, Shinoy, Strong, Tomlinson & Tomlinson, Ursache, Watts and Zeta***

Have a wonderful weekend and a lovely summer break when it arrives. Take care. God Bless.

**Justine McEniff Headteacher**