



8.11.2024

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term week. This short week was a busy one. Unfortunately, lots of bugs around at the moment to which the staff have not been immune. Thank you to everyone for rallying round this week and helping each other out.

Remembrance Service

Thank you to St John's in Hartford for once again inviting us to be a part of their remembrance service for schools at their war memorial. It is always a moving occasion as they plant poppies, one for each of the fallen from Hartford. This year poppies made of recycled plastic bottles were used, they were highly effective. Thank you to the children for being wonderful role models and thank you to Mrs Owen for taking them. Photos of the service on our Facebook page.

On Monday we have our **Mass for Remembrance** in school at 9:15am. You would be most welcome to join us.

Poppies

This year we did not have our usual delivery of poppies and other Royal British Legion items. We think it may have had something to do with the timing of our half term. It is pleasing though to see how many children are wearing a poppy with pride around school. On Friday, classes were creating poppies for display on Monday.

November – the month of the Holy Souls

November is traditionally the month we remember those who have gone before us. In our chapel we have a 'Remembrance Tree' for names of those who have died. Children will be able to write the name of family members who have died on a heart and add them to the tree. I will also leave some paper hearts in the entrance hall if you have any names you wish us to add.

Lunches

Please remember to order your child's lunch in advance. Please also discuss the choices with them.

Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group takes place on Thursday mornings in the school hall from 9:30am till 11am. If you or anyone you know is interested, please complete the enrolment form on the school website under Community. We ask for a £1 donation for each session to cover refreshments.

Book Fair

Our School Book Fair was a great success. Thank you to all who came and bought. School can claim book rewards as a result of your generosity. This year they will be used for our school library.

Morning Drop Off

Please can you try not to get out of the car in the morning at drop off as it really slows the line down. It would also help if children had their coats already on as this is taking some children a long time at the side of the road.

Christmas Fair

I met with our core group of PTFA ladies yesterday to discuss the Christmas Fair. They are a dedicated trio! Despite some offers of help after my last plea it has been difficult to secure actual help to run a fair of the usual size. We cannot do without this fundraiser and so we are going to have a 'Christmas Fair Afternoon' in school instead. It will

be small than usual but no less festive and we do hope you will join us! Father Christmas is booked in and there will be the usual stalls. We will incorporate the Christmas Surprise Room into the fair as well. We will need donations of bottles, new gifts and new toy donations which can be brought in at the disco and on the day itself when there will be a non-uniform day for donations. More details to follow.

IWM and The Lowry

On Friday our Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum in Salford and the Lowry gallery at the Lowry Theatre. It was a super trip and very fitting for the time of year. There are photos on the Facebook page. Thank you to Mrs Seville, Mrs Walker and our volunteers, Mrs Smith and Ms Seville.

School Office

Thank you for following my plea for using email rather than ringing the office this week. Unfortunately, Mrs Cox had an accident last week and we wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, there will be periods when the answerphone is on and we ask for your patience if the office is not manned. Feel free to knock on my window if you are at the door! Thank you to Mrs Bennett for a remarkable week, holding the fort on her own in the office.

Have a lovely weekend.

,Justine McEniff

Headteacher

St Wilfrid's - Key Events this half term	
11/11/24	Remembrance Mass 9:15am
15/11/24	Y6 CST (Catholic Social Teaching) Assembly 9am
20/11/24	NSPCC Assembly & Workshops for Years 2,5&6
20/11/24	PTFA Disco – gifts/bottles/toys for the fair
21/11/24	All about EYFS / KS1 Maths with Mrs Ryan 2:15pm - Hall
26/11/24	Piano Concert 1:30pm
29/11/24	Y3 CST Assembly 9am
2/12/24	Advent Mass – 9:15am
3/12/24	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity for Parents - PM
4/12/24	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity for Parents - PM
11/12/24	Panto Play at the Grange AM
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
13/12/24	Rock Steady Concert 10am
13/12/24	PTFA Christmas Fair : 1:30pm – 4pm
17/12/24	Reception Nativity for Parents - PM
18/12/24	Reception Nativity for Parents - PM
20/12/24	Carol Concert – St Wilfrid's Church 11am
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
6/1/25	School Opens – Epiphany Mass at 9:15am