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NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd September 2022

Newsletter No.3

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan
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We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Today we wish a fond farewell to Mrs Aiken and Mrs O'Donnell, who are leaving St Wilfrid's to take on new adventures. We wish them lots of happiness and thank them for their commitment to our school family - we will miss them.

As mentioned last week in the newsletter, we are having a real push, at the minute, on consistency of behaviour and school uniform:

The updated school uniform policy is attached here - please do read it and support us in getting your children to school properly kitted out. A few of you may have had messages home, reminding you of the expectations for uniform, especially with regards to children wearing ties and school shoes. Ties are available to purchase at the school office for £3.50—please put your child's name on it and then if it gets misplaced, we should be able to retrieve it.

You will notice our behaviour slogan, 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' is now on the top of the newsletter pages. Again, please support us in talking to your children about this—this is the vocabulary we are using in school with the children. They are doing really well with it so far...let's keep this up!

Our Key Stage Two children have been well underway with their Bikeability workshops—a number of our children have learned to ride a bike in such a short space of time—amazing! See the pictures of our weary, but happy, cyclists!

A lovely mass this week led by Year 3. Reminder that you are very welcome to attend Mass on Thursday morning each week at 9:05 am.

A BIG thank you to all of you who were able to give kind contributions to Cafod and Sepsis last week—we raised over £150 pounds in total.

A REMINDER TO YEAR 6 PARENTS : Secondary School place applications for 2023 are now open—you can apply for up to 6 preferences. If you have missed any open days, get in touch with the schools of your choice and ask for a look around and they may be able to help. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2022.

Go to <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> and click on the Secondary School (Year 7) link.





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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



The God who Speaks

Tomorrow is the memorial of 'Our Lady of Walsingham'. This is another name given to Mary, our Mother. Walsingham is a place of Pilgrimage - a shrine to Our Lady. It reminds us that we too can follow Our Lady's example by listening, trusting and saying 'Yes' to God.

"I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary, "let what you have said be done to me".
Luke 1: 38

When someone asks for your help this weekend, try to say 'yes'.



Virtues Award

Infants

Saphia (1D6)

Juniors

Tyreek (5W)

Right of the Week



UNITED KINGDOM

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

A very exciting time in school at the minute, appointing our new school councillors and also Head Boy and Head Girl.

Our staff and pupils are beavering away listening to manifestos. Thank you to Mrs Willdig for leading our School Council—the voice of our pupils is so important to us. Watch this space to find out who has been appointed!



Virtues of the Half Term



Compassionate and Loving

Another wonderful week of Compassionate and Loving gestures — head boy and girl interviewees talking about supporting younger children, children into the full swing of their class monitor jobs, children holding the doors open for one another as they move around the building and restorative justice underpinning our new behaviour policy, not to mention our work as Stewards of Creation—love and compassion for God's world.





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Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Thursday 6th Oct	Special Dinner Day - Caribbean Cuisine !
Friday 7th Oct	Macmillan Big Coffee Morning—FOSW
Thursday 13th Oct	Coffee Morning with pastoral team—meet and greet
Monday 17th Oct	School Closed to children—Staff Training Day
<i>This may change from previously advertised date—we will keep you informed and let you know asap. Apologies</i>	Christmas Dinner for EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner for Grandparents
<i>This may change from previously advertised date—we will keep you informed and let you know asap. Apologies</i>	Christmas Dinner for KS2
Tuesday 6th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production 9:30am
Wednesday 7th Dec—Friday 9th Dec	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
Tuesday 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 14th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Friday 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school



Tuck at breaktime

- This can now be selected and paid on ParentPay. **WE WILL NO LONGER BE TAKING CASH PAYMENTS, FROM MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

For £1, each day, children will get toast and a drink. The choices of drink will be
milkshake or juice

There will be various flavours of milkshake and juice which the children can choose, subject to availability.



A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Monday 17th October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023





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Class	Name/s
Nurs	Albie
RNM	Reuben
RCT	Favour
1DG	Affan
1M	Lucas
2B	Yahya
2G	Faith
3M	Mason
3P	Branice
4B	Myles
4P	Summer, Lucian
5P	Lucy-Rose
5W	Vanessa
6G	Alfie
6W	Charmaine
Wise Owl	Layla-Jay (6G)
Sport	1DG
Lunchtime	1DG, Sara (RM), Gary (6W)

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone who has received an award to-day and we look forward to seeing who will receive awards next week.

Attendance—period 12th—16th September 2022

Our whole school attendance target is 95%

This weeks whole school attendance is: 93.2%

Equates to:



Class	%
RNM	98.2%
RCT	97.2%
1DG	94.5%
1M	82.7%
2B	94.8%
2G	90%
3M	95%
3P	99%
4B	93%
4P	93.6%
5P	93%
5W	94.3%
6G	93.3%
6W	91.3%





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Stewardship of Creation

'As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.'

Pope Francis

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been busy developing their roles as Stewards of Creation. The Season of Creation is a special time in the Church's year where we give thanks to God for the world that he has made!

The classes have spent lots of time thinking about ways in which we damage the earth and how we can help to protect our common home.

Over the next couple of weeks, they will be creating bird feeders of all different shapes and sizes. When they are ready, they will put them up around our outdoor areas!

If you would be interested in buying one of our handmade bird feeders for your own outdoor space, priced at £1, please contact a member of the Year 3 team.



Year 4

Year 4's project during the Season of Creation focus is to support CAFLO (Community Actions for Local Opportunities) a local foodbank.

They would like to take a delivery of food up after Harvest Festival Mass on 20th October. Therefore, we are asking if each family could kindly donate item/s of non-perishable food please during the next few weeks until Oct 19th 2022. Such items can be tinned food or packet dry foods like cereals or pasta and rice. Thank you.

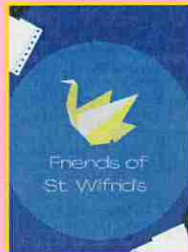




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Friends of St Wilfrid's!



**Friends of St. Wilfrid's
Invites You At**

Macmillan Big Coffee Morning



**St. Wilfrid's Catholic
Primary School**

**07 October 2022
9am-11am**

**Coffee, Tea
Cakes
Raffle
& Chat**



Also, check out their new Twitter page -
@FOStWilfrids

Bottle Collection

Ms Brown is collecting used, washed plastic drinks bottles ready for a project in November.

If you have any bottles, large or small, please drop them to Ms Brown's Year 2 classroom on the main playground during September and October.

What a great way to recycle
and be stewards of God's
Creation by reusing those
plastics

I wonder what it could be.



Volunteers

We will be sending out a letter next week, asking for interest in parents coming into school to volunteer within the classroom. We would like to hold a data bank of parents whom we could call upon, if necessary.

To support us and your children, you would need to be cheery, enthusiastic and positive, patient, able to follow instructions from the class teacher but able to use your own initiative and supportive of our faith life.

We can offer you a chance to be a part of our wonderful community during school hours, and we will be asking you what you could offer us.

We are committed to safeguarding, and so you will be subject to a DBS check.

You will not be able to work within the classroom of any children who are family members.

What a wonderful week!

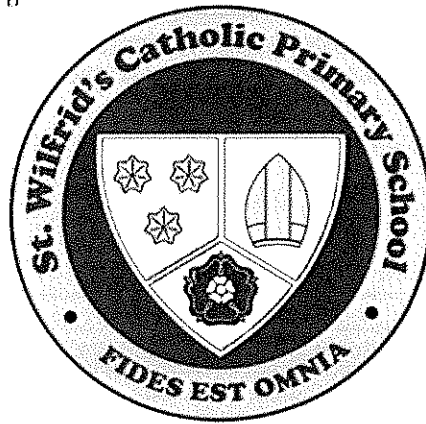
We wish you all a lovely weekend, and we hold you and your family in our prayers.



Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff.



ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Uniform policy

Rights Respecting Schools' Article/s

Article 8 – I have the rights to an identity

Article 15 – I have the right to meet friends and join groups

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo-shirts/ shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

School uniform is a way of showing that the children are READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE, in line with our whole-school ethos.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E, is included in this policy.

"We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers".

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Jewellery, Make-up, and Nail Varnish.

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule is one pair of small stud earrings. Children are required to remove or cover any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed or covered. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours, function, for example a school disco. Smart devices, such as smart watches or fitness trackers, are not allowed to be worn by pupils to school. However, a digital or analogue watch may be worn but must be removed for safety reasons during PE lessons.

Footwear

All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

Adaptations for Inclement Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Boots may also be worn for the journey to school during wet or snowy weather, however, children will be expected to change into their shoes once inside the building. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head of School in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. Special Circumstances dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Executive Head and/or Head of School will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name. Any lost property unclaimed at the end of each week will be placed on the playground (weather permitting) for parents/carers to look through.

Help providing Uniform

The pastoral team are able to provide some items of second hand school uniforms to families who may require these. Please contact them via the school office if you would like to discuss this further.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of white, blue, yellow and grey. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. Items marked with an * below can be bought with the school logo on if preferred through <https://myclothing.com/>. Simply search for our school using the school postcode B36 8LY and follow the link to make your purchase.

Our school uniform is gender neutral and consists of the following:

All children
Blue Book bag *
White shirt/polo shirt.
Blue/yellow school tie to be worn with shirt. (Can be purchased from school office and paid for via parent pay)
Blue school jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan either plain or with school badge. *
Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers (not jogging bottoms)
Please note skirts and tailored shorts should be a minimum of knee length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor. Three-quarter, calf-length and full-length leggings should not be worn.
Plain white/grey/black socks or tights
Blue & white checked dresses (Summer term)
Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school, not trainers. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

P.E. Kit (to be kept at school)

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons)

All Children

Plain black/blue shorts

Plain black/blue jogging bottoms for colder weather

Blue school polo shirt * (no football shirts)

Appropriate footwear is essential:

Black PE pumps (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KS1) should be worn. Please note these will be kept at school.

Tights must be removed for PE lessons

Swimming Years 3-6 only

Girls - One-piece swimming costume

Boys - Trunks – above the knee

A towel will be required for swimming lessons

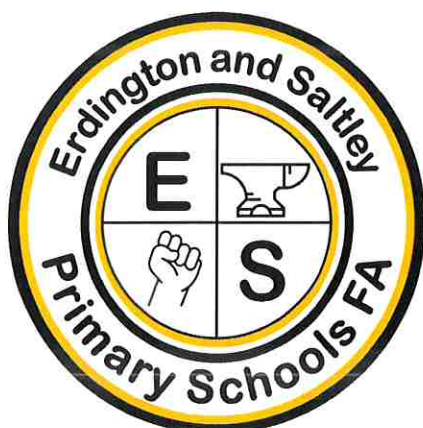
Small pump bag *

Erdington and Saltley Primary Schools' FA Girls District Football Trials Monday 26th September

**Bromford, Hodge Hill, Erdington, Nechells, Saltley,
Shard End, Ward End and Washwood Heath**

Eligible Primary Schools				
Abbey	Cromwell	Hodge Hill	Paget	St Wilfred's
Adderly	Erdington Hall	King Solomon	Parkfield	St. Margaret Mary
Audley	Featherstone	Lea Forest	Rosary	St. Mary and John
Birches Green	Firs	Leigh	Shaw Hill	St. Peter & St Paul
Brookvale	Gunter	Marsh Hill	Shirestone	Story Wood
Brownmead	Harper Bell	Nansen	Slade	Thornton
Colebourne	Hawthorn	Nechells	St Barnabas	Ward End
Corpus Christi	Heathlands	Oasis Short Heath	St Clement's	Washwood Heath
Court Farm	Highfield	Osborne	St Joes B7	Yenton
	Hillstone	Oval	St Matthew's	
			St Saviours	

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Castle Vale Stadium, B35 7NL
5:00pm - 6:00pm