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Dear Parent/Guardian

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Message from Mrs Milligan

A heartfelt thank you to all of our children, parents, staff and governors at St Wilfrid's for such a warm welcome to the school. I have been overwhelmed with the love and kindness shown.

Covid-19 Update—Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests

Taking a PCR test following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) has been temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all children who have tested positive on a lateral flow test will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test and must isolate.

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small.

However, children should still get a PCR if they develop COVID symptoms:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Covid-19 Update—Changes to self-isolation

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

Tips to keep your child safe online

Talk to your child - Talk to them about what they're doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you, or another adult they trust, if they feel worried or upset by anything they've seen online. They can also get support from Childline on 0808 1111.

Explore apps and sites together - Explore what your child likes to do online together. This can help you to understand why they're using certain. Explore the features that are available, which would include privacy settings, location settings, and how to block and report.

Agree what's appropriate together - Agree your own rules as a family when using apps, sites or games. You can use our family agreement template to help get you started.





Check your settings - Check the technology your family uses and use privacy and location settings to keep your child safe. You can call your mobile and broadband provider to find out how to do this or visit our [parental controls page](#) to find out more.

Special Dinner - Thursday 20th January, 2022 - Census Day

Janis and her team will be serving up a special '**Chinese Takeaway**' Meal on **Thursday 20th January**. On the menu will be sweet and sour chicken or Quorn, hoi-sin chicken or Quorn stir fry, vegetable pancake/spring roll, firecracker carrots and success sweetcorn, fluffy lucky white rice, fortune chocolate cookie and fresh fruit salad. If your child is currently on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this day, then please contact the school office to book by **Tuesday 18th January**. The cost of a meal is **£2.40 to be paid via Parentpay**. (Payment is only required for children in Y3-Y6 who are not entitled to free school meals). Please encourage your child to have a school dinner on this day as a large proportion of school funding for the year is based on how many children take up a school meal on Census Day. Thank you.

Reception - September 2022

The final closing date for Reception for entry in September 2022 is **15 January 2022**.

Applications can be made online through the Birmingham City Council website

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

All the information parents need to support with making their preferences is available on our website. More advice and support is also available from Children's Services on **0121 303 1888**.

Due to the Easter bank holiday, primary national offer day will fall on **19 April 2022**.

Friday 21st January- Sepsis awareness day

Next Friday, the children will be learning about Sepsis using resources developed by the UK Sepsis Trust. The children will be taught what sepsis is, the signs to look out for and what to do if they suspect someone has sepsis. To launch our awareness day, the fundraising manager for UK Sepsis Trust will be delivering an assembly to the children.

Sepsis is the body's overreaction to an infection where, instead of fighting an infection, our immune system attacks the body's own organs and tissues. It affects 245,000 people in the UK every year and claims 48,000 lives. But it is estimated, with better awareness - leading to faster diagnosis and treatment - thousands of those lives could be saved every year. That's why it's important that we all know about it.

The children are invited to wear something red on this day, in return for **£1** per family to help raise money for UK Sepsis Trust.

To find out more, please visit <https://sepsistrust.org/about/about-the-charity/current-campaigns/>, email schools@sepsistrust.org or call us on **0800 389 6255**.

Collective Worship - Go Forth!

This week, the children gathered virtually, and thought carefully about a new year's promise. IN EYFS and KS1, the children went away and wrote their promise on a star, which will be kept in a safe place so they can refer to it throughout the year. In KS2 each class made a promise that will be kept up in their classroom and referred to throughout 2022! I wonder who will keep their promise! Some of the children's promises were linked to being more Curious and Active, following in Christ's example or more of a personal promise. Please ask your child about their chosen promise.





Catholic Social Teachings

'God's gifts are given to be shared' 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

During this half term, we will be finding out about those in the world who need our support. They have a right to benefit from the gifts of God and we have a responsibility to share these with them.

Children will be researching those in the community - near or far - who need our help and planning their Lenten 'Act of Service' that will take place, during Lent, next half term.

Watch this Space to find out more! Our RE leaders will be adding a piece to the newsletter every now and then to keep you updated!

Virtues of the Half Term - Curious and Active

Curious- exploring God's creation and asking questions to find out more. Everything around us was created by God. Being curious about these things - brings us closer to God.

Active- working to make things better where we can. As we use our curiosity to explore, we find things that could be better: a friend is unhappy; a neighbour is lonely; there is litter in the playground; the whiteboard needs wiping. Some of these problems we can fix. By being active we take responsibility for these tasks and look after God's creation.

Congratulations to Mateusz and Gracie (2G) and Ibrahim (5P) who are the winners of the certificates this week.

Times Table Rock Stars Competition

This week, we have launched our "Battle of the Bands" competition on Times Table Rock Stars!

This means that, each week, the children in KS2 will play against a "rival" class, with both teams battling to be crowned the winners!

The children must answer multiplication and division questions in order to win points, these points are collated and the winning classes are announced in Merit Assembly.

Our aim is for the children to have fun and take pride in representing their class but also to improve their speed and accuracy when recalling number facts.

The competition has been a huge success this week with classes earning thousands of points! The most valuable players from each class have been awarded with Rock Star certificates.

Most Valuable Players

Year 3	Alex 3M and Dominik 3C
Year 4	Tyreek 4B and Adiyi 4P
Year 5	Kayla 5W and Heinrich 5P
Year 6	Joel-Eli 6G and Joseph 6W





Behaviour Awards

Blue Badges: Umar, Anayah-Mae, Olivia (1M), Alfie, Savannah, Mateusz, Gracie, Branice, Paul, Daisy, Zainab, Preston, Gabriel, Arthur

Pink Badges: Kaiden (1DG), Yanis, Sophia-Rose, Kayla

Purple Badges: Yahya, Mariha

Red Badge: Layla

STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Lily-Rose
Reception NM	Kyce
Reception SS	Zoya
Year 1DG	Grace, Eesa
Year 1M	Alfie
Year 2B	Jennaye
Year 2G	Cecilia
Year 3C	Reuben, George
Year 3M	Harley, Zimal
Year 4B	Lucy-Rose
Year 4P	Sophia-Rose
Year 5P	Lola
Year 5W	Harrison
Year 6G	Micah
Year 6W	Abigail
Sports Award	Remirez (1M)
Wise Owl Award	Mahmoud (3M)
Uniform Award	Xamora (1DG), Julia (6W)
Music Award	Alex (5W)

Well done everyone!





Attendance - Period - 3rd - 7th January, 2022

Group	
RNM	91.4%
RSS	92.2%
Year 1DG	89.4%
Year 1M	90.9%
Year 2B	91.5%
Year 2G	90.3%
Year 3C	89.9%
Year 3M	95.5%
Year 4B	92.3%
Year 4P	93.8%
Year 5P	91.1%
Year 5W	89.3%
Year 6G	88.2%
Year 6W	89.6%

Part-time vacancy for Housekeeping Assistant

The Missionary Society of St. Columban in Britain is seeking a part-time Housekeeping Assistant at St. Columban's in Solihull. For more details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562 657 382 or hr@columbans.co.uk.

Deadline for applications: Midnight Friday 28th January 2022

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Milligan and staff



