

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

At St Wilfrid's, our Christian school exists to provide a welcoming environment in which everybody is cherished and challenged to fulfil their potential.



At St Wilfrid's we all Belong, Believe, Become

Friday 8th September 2017

Newsletter 1

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable summer and feel energised for the year ahead. All the children look wonderful in their new school uniform; many thanks for your support over the summer holidays to ensure your child is ready for school and ready to learn. All the staff are looking forward to the school year, building on the success of the last academic year.

A warm welcome to all our new nursery children, who are currently having their home visits with Mrs Hope, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs McDonough and Mrs Passant. We look forward to you joining us on Monday. Also welcome to our families who are new to school where children have joined us in Reception 1 with Miss Swinburn and Reception 2 with Mrs Peters. We have also had many families joining us with children in older year groups—a very warm welcome to you. Myself and all the staff look forward to working in partnership with you all.

Have a lovely weekend.



The usual polite requests:

- ◆ Being on time for 8:40 for an 8:55am start each day.
- ◆ Picking up at 3.10pm – KS 1 and KS2; 3.00pm –for Reception children
- ◆ Using the drop box to help congestion at the office window.
- ◆ Ensuring children bring all their belongings to school on the correct day.
- ◆ **Not parking or dropping children off on the zig-zags, corners or middle of the road – to help prevent a nasty accident. This includes parking on the pavements which puts pedestrians (your children) at risk.**

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance is essential to your child's academic success. We aim for an overall attendance rate of at least 97%, and attendance levels below 95% give us serious cause for concern. **Routine medical appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible.** Punctuality to school and to lessons is also important as it is indicative of a child's general motivation and commitment towards school. This week our whole school attendance has been 96% - okay, but below our expectations of attendance.

This week the following correspondence have been sent out as hard copies:

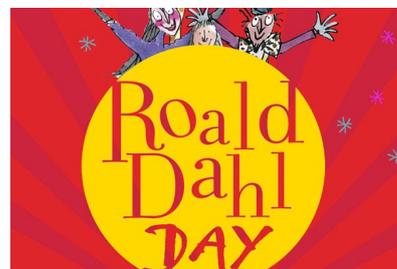
Special Permissions Form 17-18
Dance-a-thon
Safer Swimming for Year 5 & 6
Quarry Bank Mill Trip for Year 3's and 4's.
Year 3/4 Swimming Information

This week the following correspondence have been sent out electronically

Safeguarding Children at the beginning and at the end of the school day.
Roald Dahl Day.

Roald Dahl Day: Friday 15th September

Calling all Oompa Loompas, Willie Wonkas and Charlie Buckets: on Friday 15th September, we are



inviting the children to dress as characters from Roald Dahl books to celebrate this special day. Please see Mrs Dhaliwal, our English lead in Year 3/4 for more information or your child's class teacher. There will be no Gold Book Assembly next Friday, as all children will be taking part in a Roald Dahl celebration assembly.

A warm welcome to our new staff who have joined St Wilfrid's

We welcome one new member of staff this year; Mrs Peters, who is our new Reception 2 teacher, joining the Early Years team. Mrs Peters is an experienced Early Years teacher and we are very fortunate to have her on our team. We also welcome Miss Bradburn, a student with Teach Manchester, who is working with us for the whole year. This term, she will be working in Year 3.

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Week Beginning 11th September:

(Please note school run clubs commence, the week beginning, Monday 18th September, more details to follow next week)

Monday: Year 3 – 6: 3:15pm—4:15pm MCFC Football. Sign up on Sims Agora from Monday 11th September 2017.

Tuesday: All years 3:15 - 4:15pm Football with Junior Sports Stars (book separately on own website)

Wednesday: Year 3—6: 3:15pm—4:15pm MCFC Girls only Football. Sign up on Sims Agora from Monday 11th September 2017.

STRUCTURAL WORK

As you will know, we currently have workmen on site. They are working on our school roof, which has not been updated since 1976! We are very pleased that work has started. They are repairing the roof above the hall, which for many years has let water in and also the annex rooms (rooms behind the stage) where we have had numerous floods over the years. This work will take place until the October half term. All health and safety advice is being followed and we ask for your assistance to avoid the areas where scaffolding is in place. All parents who have children at Kidz Kingdom, will be using the yellow gates to collect their children, until further notice. Please speak to Luke, the manager of Kidz Kingdom for any further information.

We do apologise for the huge puddle near the Year 2 classroom and are continuing to look into this issue. Please bear with us during the rainy times and hopefully I will be able to update you in due course on this.

DIDSBURY 2017 HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Please see the attached flyer for more information on this, for the open days on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September.

Tuesday 12th September	Year 3 & 4 to Quarry Bank Mill Year 5 to Safer Swimming
Wednesday 13th September	(AM) 4, Year 5 children to Rackhouse Primary for Maths (PM) Year 5 & 6 to Safer Swimming 3:30pm: Year 6 talk for parents re: Year 6 residential in the Year 6 classroom with Miss Vermeulen, Miss Bartlett and Mrs Lowe After School: Cross Country at Wythenshawe Park
Friday 15th September	Roald Dahl Day: further information provided by Mrs Dhaliwal
Wednesday 20th September	(AM) 4, Year 4 children to Button Lane for Science 2:30pm: Year 5 talk for parents re: Year 5 residential in the school hall with Miss Bartlett and Miss Clark After School: Cross Country at Wythenshawe Park

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping children safe extends beyond looking out for the signs of neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse, and includes the supervision of children; the proactive prevention of any harm, and the constant need for assessing risk. It is important that you know that sometimes when it appears that we are being fussy, we are discharging the requirements of our role, and fulfilling the legal duty placed upon us. We know we have your support, and aim to further develop education in safeguarding through the curriculum. All our staff are Level 2 Safeguarded trained. Please see myself, Mrs Mulligan or Mrs Budgett for any more information. All three members of staff are the Designated Lead for Safeguarding and are trained at Level 3.

I hope you all received the information earlier in the week regarding the measures in place to safeguard the children at the beginning and the end of the school day.

SUMMER WORK

During the summer holidays a number of improvements have been made to the school. We are delighted that the EYFS toilets have been renovated. This has been a long time coming! New furniture has also been installed in both Reception classrooms, to enhance the children's learning, with new resources. We have also had the main corridor repainted, in preparation for new whole school photographs. I am very grateful to those members of staff who have worked hard throughout the school holiday to improve the facilities and environment of the school.

