



St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

Our Christian school exists to provide a welcoming environment in which everybody is cherished and challenged to fulfil their potential by Belonging, Believing, Becoming (Based on Mark 4:30-32)

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Dear Parents and Carers,



What a difference a week makes, with the cold wind certainly making a difference to the temperature. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all pupils to start to bring their coats in. We have had drizzle this week during our active times and, with the increase of times being outside during the school day, children will be going outside.

Our three online worship times have focused on various themes, with Mrs Stevenson exploring the power of 'yet' as a growth mindset. This is about how you think and feel rather than what you can and can't do. Children discussed the word 'yet' which has a lot of power and they considered the difference that it can make to their learning journey and attitude in life – please do discuss this further with your child/ren at home.

This week, I focused on chapter two: on the signs Jesus gave as to who He was and His authority. In chapter two, in one of the most famous miracles, Jesus heals a paralysed man; when friends lowered the man through the roof of the house with Jesus surrounded by a crowd. Jesus also eats with sinners, is questioned about fasting and heals on the Sabbath. They are all signs as to who Jesus is and His authority, but also, going back to the opening verse of Mark, are signs as to why Jesus is Good News. In our worship, children thought about the signs they see around: road signs, signs in shops, in swimming baths, in schools and in the light of Covid-19. This links to the signs that Jesus gave as to who He was/is and how they link to Jesus being Good News.

Many thanks to all of our parents who have passed on their wishes to Mrs Blewitt, one of our TAs in EYFS/Key Stage 1. Mrs Blewitt is currently absent from school due to a tragic family bereavement. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mrs Blewitt and all of her family and we look forward to seeing Mrs Blewitt in the near future.

I would also like to update you on Mrs Batman. She is continuing her recovery and is doing remarkably well. She sends her wishes to everyone and is missing being with us all. I will continue to keep you updated on Mrs Batman's progress.

Rev. Andrew Bradley has sent over October's edition of Concord from St Wilfrid's Church—please take the time to read this.

Updates

A reminder for Year 1 parents, Mrs Budgett will be teaching in Year 1 on Mondays, from Monday 28th September and Mrs Dhaliwal is returning to work in Year 2 from her maternity leave.

Again, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for maintaining social distancing whilst on school premises. I am generally at the front of school, and it has been very reassuring to see parents/carers follow this. At drop off in the morning, I would just like to remind parents, especially those in Reception, to ensure your child is ready to enter school as soon as they come to the front of the line and for parents to continue walking to exit. This is to ensure there is no time wasted for Year 1 and Year 1/2 parents who are also waiting to drop their children off at their respective classroom doors. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dojo Messages

All staff at school recognise the key to success for your child is a two-way partnership. We have a major barrier at the moment to overcome, to ensure you are kept up to date about your child's progress, together with any necessary questions. Many staff are reporting very lengthy messages, which can be as often as three times a week from a single parent, together with the odd occasion where further messages are being sent if a message has not been responded to by the following morning. If you have several questions for your child's class teacher, it is much easier and viable to phone school, so that you can have a telephone conversation at a mutually convenient time. It is also very tempting to speak to a member of staff at the end of the day/morning, but measures are in place to minimise the risk to yourself, staff and children. I would also like to remind parents to be mindful of the kind of messages that they send to teachers at this busy time. Staff have reported messages about minor issues, for example, a DOJO point being taken, please be mindful that you do not message or question the professional judgement of teachers, but instead trust that there will have been a valid reason for this. Often, your child will see it differently, but staff reserve the right to carry out sanctions in line with our behaviour policy and for the benefit of the rest of the class. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Brilliant Effort

Congratulations to Will Allen in Year 5 for receiving a season award medal (2019-2020) for cross country – well done!

Harvest Service:

Please note that we will still be having our Harvest service, but it will be via Zoom. Our service with Rev. Andrew Bradley will be on Thursday 15th October. We will be collecting items for both the Booth Centre and Wythenshawe Foodbank. Please do support school and St Wilfrid's Church to donate – no fresh produce – please just donate cans and packets. These will then be kept in school, before they are collected by the church. We are taking donations from Monday 28th September. Miss Clark will ensure there is a box outside each day (weather permitting) for donations to be put in.

Have a lovely weekend, Helena Miller



Star Pupils

Reception 1: Lucas Gaskell for super phonics this week. Well done Lucas!

Reception 2: Genevieve Hutchinson-Saxon for really trying her best to sit on the carpet and listen to the teacher!

Year 1: Rebecca White for her fantastic attitude towards her work. She always gives 100% and is a great role model to others!

Year 1/2: Matilda Thorley for fantastic writing, describing Penguin from Year 1/2's story 'Lost and Found'.

Year 2: Kaiden Moreton for trying so hard to be an independent writer and having an amazing week. Mrs Budgett is so proud of his efforts!

Year 3: Izabella Harvey for her patience with her peers alongside always putting 100% into her work. Well done!

Year 3/4: Finley Hughes for having a constantly positive attitude and having compassion for his peers. Well done Finley!

Year 4: Jenson Johnson for huge efforts and contributions in class. Mrs Smith is so proud of his efforts!

Year 5: Bodhi McGuinness for his amazing work in maths, especially when converting Roman numerals.

Year 5/6: Paige Birchenough for always setting a good example and putting 100% into her work! She is a pleasure to have in Year 5/6.

Year 6: Zuzanna Kaleta for a great newspaper report based on our class text!

We hosted a virtual Gold Award assembly for all of our superstars of this week!

Birthdays!

(from 21st September to 27th September)

Happy Birthday to:

Shay Donoghue

Georgia Parry

Christopher Williams

Nathan Skinner



Return of School Resources

If you have any school reading books or library books at home, please can you return them to school as soon as possible. We have been reviewing our resources in school and it appears that there are quite a few books missing from our school stocks. Your support in this matter would be much appreciated.

Thank you.



European Day of Languages

This year the European Day of Languages is on Saturday 26th September.

This Friday our Key Stage Two classes celebrated the glorious diversity of language through sharing languages that they spoke with their classes, listening to stories in other languages and sharing their own experiences of languages.

At St Wilfrid's we value and celebrate diversity in all of its forms.

-Miss Cornall



COVID Letter to Parents

Public Health England has produced the attached letter to this newsletter which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921529/Letter to parents v2 with signatures 23rd FE update final final VB.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921529/Letter_to_parents_v2_with_signatures_23rd_FE_update_final_final_VB.pdf)

The intention of the letter is to support parents and carers in identifying when their child needs to self-isolate as a result of displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.

This letter will also will be sent out to parents separately from this newsletter.



Annual Flu Vaccinations

This week, parents and carers of children in Years 6 and below will receive a letter from the NHS reminding you that it is time for your child to receive their annual flu vaccination. The letter also provides details of where the vaccinations will take place and the need for you to provide consent before the vaccination can be administered.

NHS

Lunchtimes

As you know, this week has seen the school lunches return to the hall. As with any new system, we have refined this each day. Mrs Miller would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Bartlett, Sue Hume, and all of our lunchtime organisers for their robust procedures.



Individual Photographs

As you will know, individual photographs took place yesterday. An advanced warning—photographs **must** be paid online.

You will be unable to pay for these in school.

As it is an extra £4 for them to be delivered to your house, these will still be delivered to school to save money.





Home Safety Week

28th September—4th October



We want every child at St Wilfrid's to stay safe at school and at home. We know that you will be spending extra time in your home whilst we are in local lockdown, it's a good time to remind yourself of ways you can prevent accidents and do some simple home safety checks.

DID YOU KNOW...

- a smoke alarm could save you in a fire
- **90 people die each year because their smoke alarm is not working**
- most fires start when people are cooking
- **every 3 days someone dies from a fire started by a cigarette**
- broken electrics start about 7,000 fires a year

Here's our safety reminder checklist:

- Check your batteries in your smoke alarm every week and change once a year.
- Take extra care when cooking and never leave a child alone in a kitchen whilst the oven or hob is on. Check for kettle and iron cords too, that they can't be pulled on or tripped over by children.
- Plan a route to escape your home if there is a fire and make sure everyone in the house knows the plan.
- Try to keep to one plug per socket - too many electrical appliances plugged into one socket can overload it, which can lead to overheating.
- Make sure candles are secured in a stable holder and kept away from curtains, fabrics and paper, never leave them unattended.
- Always stub cigarettes out properly and dispose of them carefully.

Take time to teach your child at home how they can stay safe and let's hope we can protect them and your family from any serious harm.



TASK:

We would love your child to create a poster to promote how they can stay safe in the home. Please send a photograph of them to me on dojo and I will share these with our school community.

- Mrs Stevenson, PSHE Lead