



25.9.2023

Dear Parents,

A real mixture of weather this week but we have managed to get outside between downpours. Whilst it remains changeable please send children to school with coats.

Start of Year Mass

Fr Paul came to school to celebrate a Start of Year Mass with the children on Wednesday. The focus was 'friendship' and Fr Paul talked to the children about following Jesus example and being a good friend. Thanks to Ethan and Lilly W in Year 6 for serving at Mass, to Mrs Cannavan who prepared such a special service and Mrs Hughes for playing the piano and Mrs Bold for the altar display.

After Mass our children who were chosen as Prayer and Liturgy Leaders for their class received their badges.

We welcomed some of our governors and a couple of parents to Mass. Our next Mass in school will be on Thursday 12th October at 9:15am to celebrate St Wilfrid's Day. Parents are most welcome although we will only have seats in the chapel available so if there is a good turnout you may have to stand.

Fr Paul is going to come into school to do some sessions with any Year 5 or Year 6 children who are interested in becoming Servers at Mass. Children who are interested should be regular Mass attenders outside of school. Please email the office if your child is interested, make the email for my attention.

The Joshua Tree

The Joshua Tree is a local charity which supports families affected by childhood cancers. You can find out more here: <https://thejoshuatree.org.uk/> We have had school families who have been helped by the Joshua Tree and would like to recognise the work they do.

Next Friday we would like to encourage children to wear one yellow or gold coloured (not jewellery) item and donate £1 per family to support this wonderful organisation. Many thanks.

School Visits

If you know anyone with a child due to start school in September 2024 please encourage them to ring up and arrange a visit. Rather than an open day this year, we will be doing visits and tours of our wonderful school, on request. Tell them to come and see us in action.

Girls Football

Myself, Miss Davies and Miss Harrison took a team of Year 5 and Year 6 girls to a cluster competition at St Nicholas on Wednesday evening. They played four matches and improved their skills with each game. We came second with two wins, a draw and one loss. The experience and the 'sportspersonship' on show was wonderful to see. St Wilfrid's were awarded the "Spirit of the Games" certificate which was well deserved. There will be more opportunities for children to

represent the school as the year goes on. Well done girls. Next week there is a Y5/6 Mixed Football Competition.

Y7 Boys' Football at St Nicholas

It was wonderful to see a photograph of this winning team on St Nicholas Facebook page especially as four out of the nine players were in our Year 6 last year. Well done boys!

Jewellery

A number of children are still wearing earrings for school, please ensure they are removed before school so there is no danger of loss or injury.

CGP Homework Books

This week children from Year 2 to Y6 will begin to use their CGP books for homework. Please encourage your child to take care of their books as purchasing two or three per child is a significant investment by school and we do not carry spare stock. They are a useful tool in consolidating learning.

Have a lovely weekend, God Bless.

Justine McEniff Headteacher

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