



3.11.2023

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term week. This next half term is a busy one and there is a list of dates at the bottom of this letter.

Inset Day

On Monday staff and governors met in school for a Religious Education focus day. We began with Fr Paul saying Mass in the chapel which was beautiful. We then had a session led by CAFOD on Catholic Social Teaching. I then gave a Diocesan update to the staff and governors. The afternoon was prepared by Mrs Cannavan and Mrs Bold, our RE coordinators. Staff and our RE Link Governors, Mrs Morrissey and Mrs O'Hara went through the planning framework that has come in as a result of the new Religious Education Directory (RED) for Catholic Schools. We then spent time looking at creative approaches to prayer and RE teaching. It was a wonderful day full of prayer, enthusiasm, renewed focus and creativity.

All Saints' Day

Thank you to Fr Paul for celebrating Mass on Wednesday morning for the wonderful feast of All Saints. The staff led the Mass as it was so close to the return to school. Thank you to Mrs Cannavan for preparing the Mass, to Mrs Hughes for playing the piano and all those who prepared the altar focus area. It is lovely to see families at our school Masses and the next one in school is on 29.11.23.

Coffee Morning

On Monday at 8:45am, you are all invited to a coffee morning in the hall. We are hoping this will help not only our many new families but our existing families to get to know a few more parents and make new friends. If you could park off site and walk down or wait until after the Pre School drop off to park at the front that would be helpful. You will be given raffle tickets for just showing up and there will be the opportunity to buy more if you want. Lots of prizes available.

Lunches

Please remember to order your child's lunch in advance. Please also discuss your choices with them.

Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group takes place on Thursday mornings in the school hall – 9:30 – 11am. St Wilfrid's Pre-School will be supporting the group. If you are interested, please complete the enrolment form on the school website under Community. We ask for a £1 donation for each session to cover refreshments.

Book Fair

Our School Book Fair will be in the hall after school today and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If your car is on the St Nicholas playground car park, please go and bring it down to the

front of school before going to the fair. Books can be paid for by cash or electronically using a QR code. Every book purchased will go towards book rewards for school.

Mini Vinnies

Thank you to five of our Mini Vinnies who will be attending Mass on Saturday at St Wilfrid's for the sick and housebound of the parish. Thank you to Mrs O'Hara for supporting them. They are all 'Turning Concern into Action' and we are very proud of them.

Poppy Appeal

Each afternoon next week our Year 6 School Councillors will be selling poppies and wrist and snap bands and zip pulls in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Ordinary poppies will be 20p and suggested donations for the other items are below. The money goes into sealed collection boxes so please send in the correct money as we cannot give change. Thank you



Morning Drop Off

Please can you try not to get out of the car in the morning at drop off as it really slows the line down. It would also help if children had their coats already on as this is taking some children a long time at the side of the road.

Have a lovely weekend.

Justine McEniff

Headteacher

St Wilfrid's - Key Events this half term	
15/11/24	St Nicholas Music Festival 6pm – Y5
23/11/23	PTFA Disco
29/11/23	Christ the King / Advent Mass – 9:15am
1/12/23	PTFA Christmas Fair
6/12/23	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity for Parents - PM
11/12/23	Pantomime AM
13/12/23	Reception Nativity for Parents - PM
14 or 15/12/23	PTFA Christmas Surprise Room
15/12/23	Rock Steady Concert 10-11am
20/12/23	Carol Concert – St Wilfrid's Church
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	