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Dear Parents,

We are half way through this half term and a busy few weeks they have been. I am so proud of how the children have settled into their new classes.

Coats

The weather is so changeable at the moment so please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat for those inevitable showers and downpours.

Football

Last week, after school, Mrs Watts and Mrs Coleman took a team to the Year 5/6 St Nicholas cluster girls' football competition. Our team came third and showed great sportspersonship! Congratulations to them all. Certificates were handed out in assembly this morning.

Next week it will be Years 3&4 going to the football competition. Mrs Cooper will be in touch with details.

WOW Walking to school

This has been a wonderful initiative and has really engaged the children in walking to school when they can. 86 children have earned enough credits for a badge this September, which is fabulous. With your help, let us try and beat this figure in October.

Reception Intake September 2025

This year we are not holding an 'Open Day' but rather want to encourage people to visit and be taken on a tour of school during a normal day. If you know someone who has a child who will be starting school next September, tell them to ring up and book a tour of our wonderful school. We have done several so far this half term and have some in the diary for the next few weeks. We cannot accept drop ins as we need to ensure that a member of the Senior Leadership Team is available.

Grapes

Just a reminder about grapes. Whole grapes are a choking hazard for children so we would ask that they are cut in half or quarters lengthways before giving them as snacks or putting them in lunchboxes.

The Joshua Tree

Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful cause last week. All the yellow in school was lovely to see. We raised £105.20 which I am sure will be put to very good use by the charity.

Tissues

Thank you for the donations of tissues, we are very grateful.

School Office

If at all possible please email in any queries especially on Fridays when there is only one member of staff in the office. Thank you.

School Building Fund

Over the past few years St Wilfrid's has benefitted from a lot of work carried out by this Diocese scheme.

- Roof resurfacing
- New wall panels and fascia around school
- A new fence to separate the car park from the path
- The top playground resurfaced
- One of the school boilers replaced
- New line markings on the playground
- The paths around the front of school being resurfaced
- The last piece of wooden fencing replaced by Pre School
- A new metal gate to replace the wooden one at the front of school
- New windows to replace our courtyard classroom windows

This summer we have had our main school boiler replaced along with some of the older radiators in the school. We have also had the fascias replaced in the Year 1 courtyard.

I know that the cost of living is hitting lots of our families but if you can, the more people who contribute to the School Building Fund means that there is more money in the scheme to improve our school for all the children. Some schools have raised the amount but we have kept it at £15. You can use the normal school payment system, School Gateway, as the School Building Fund has been added.

RE Survey

Thank you to those families who have completed our survey about Religious Education (RE). If you haven't yet done so, please complete it this weekend.

St Vincent de Paul

Today is the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul, a French saint who did so much for the poor and marginalised. This work carries on in parishes with the SVP and in schools with the Mini Vinnies and our Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Preferential Option for the poor.

St Vincent de Paul

Lord,

Open our eyes that we may see the deepest needs of your people.

Move our hands that we may feed the hungry.

Touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to those who are sad. Let us share our time and possessions with those in need.

Give us the care that strengthens the sick.

May we all be a source of support and encouragement

for each other as we strive to build a more loving society.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Justine McEniff Headteacher

