



15.11.2024

Dear Parents,

Remembrance Mass

We had a beautiful Mass in school on Monday for Remembrance. Thank you to Fr Paul for sharing Mass with us. We marked this important day with a silence at 11am. The front of school was festooned with poppies which was very effective and drew many positive comments.

We have a Tree of Remembrance in our chapel to remember all those we know who have died.

Weather

At the moment the weather is very unpredictable. Please ensure that your child(ren) bring coats to school every day. It is due to get colder next week. Please label all coats.

Parking

We still have a few parents who do not follow our parking rules and come down to the front of school at the end of each day. This is frustrating for school staff who try to ensure that there are enough spaces for blue badge holders to park. It is also frustrating for the majority of parents who park off site or pay for parking each day. It just isn't fair and shows a lack of respect.

This week I have noticed parents parking on the hashed roundabout. This is very dangerous as walking to a car parked there with children is hazardous as our blue badge holders may be reversing and taxis from Greenbank School are trying to exit.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who follow our parking guidelines.

Y6 Assembly

Year 6 treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning on our Autumn 1 Social Teaching Principle, The Preferential Option for the Poor. It is a mouthful but the children were able to explain it clearly and linked it to our mission, the mission of us all to spread the good news of Jesus and care for those in need. Thank you to Year 6 and Mrs Seville and Mrs Walker.

Amazon Wish Lists

This has been a new idea, this year. Teachers are renowned for spending their own money on extras for their classroom so this is a lovely way to enhance the classroom environments for the children. Thank you so much for your generosity, it has been like Christmas with parcels arriving in school. The children have been as excited as the adults to open the parcels and use their contents.

CAFOD World Gifts

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

Our Mini Vinnies have given each class a CAFOD collection box. The aim is for each class to raise £10 in small change by Christmas. This will allow the class to purchase the "Gift of Reading" which as we

journey towards Christmas is a reminder that Christmas is a time we think of others. Small change is all the children need to bring in.

PTFA Bottle Disco

Next Thursday, 21st November we are having a disco in school 5:30pm – 7pm. It is usually a highlight of the pupils’ social calendar! Bring a bottle/chocolates or a gift for the Christmas Fair as the entry fee and there will be sweets and drinks on sale. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this event.

Reception and KS1 children will need an adult to supervise them. KS2 can be dropped off and picked up if they are happy to be left. Please hand any glass bottles to an adult.

Reception Nativity

Last week, I shared two dates. That was my mistake, the first date was the dress rehearsal and for school not parents. The dates are below.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff

Headteacher

St Wilfrid's - Key Events this half term changes	
20/11/24	NSPCC Assembly & Workshops for Years 2,5&6
21/11/24	PTFA Disco – gifts/bottles/toys for the fair * DATE CHANGE*
21/11/24	All about EYFS / KS1 Maths with Mrs Ryan 2:15pm - Hall
26/11/24	Piano Concert 1:30pm
29/11/24	Y3 CST Assembly 9am
2/12/24	Advent Mass – 9:15am
3/12/24	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity for Parents - PM
4/12/24	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity for Parents - PM
11/12/24	Panto Play – "Peter Pan" at the Grange AM
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
13/12/24	Rock Steady Concert 10am
13/12/24	PTFA Christmas Fair: 1:30pm – 4pm *ONLY ONE DATE*
18/12/24	Reception Nativity for Parents - PM
20/12/24	Carol Concert – St Wilfrid's Church 11am
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
6/1/25	School Opens – Epiphany Mass at 9:15am