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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term, I hope you all had a lovely break.

This week we have been joined by the Dargie and Jackson families with children in Year 1 and Year 2. You are most welcome to St Wilfrid's and we look forward to getting to know you.

INSET

On Monday we had an inspirational training day at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. The day was led by Maria Hall, a consultant in Liturgy, RE and Pastoral Music.

Hockey

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Simeone took our Hockey Team to the finals at Weaverham High School. The children were fantastic and although we didn't win, we came away with the 'Spirit of the Games' award. Well done to everyone. Thank you to the staff who volunteer to take our children to these sporting opportunities after school, we are truly blessed.

Car Parking

Please remember to buy your car parking tickets. We pay staff to man the car park and the ticket sales fund this.

Family Mass at St Wilfrid's

The 9:15am Mass at St Wilfrid's is a family Mass and this Sunday our First Holy Communion children in Year 4 will be taking part. Fr Paul extends the invitation to all our families.

Lent – Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 5th March at 9:15am

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is on Wednesday, 5th March. We will be having a Mass in school at 9:15am during which there will be the distribution of ashes. You would be most welcome to join us.

Children are to come to school in uniform on Wednesday even if it is normally one of their PE days.

Please check the Parish website for details of other Lent services:

<https://www.stjohnvianney.co.uk/>

Squid Games

Some of our younger KS1 children have been playing what they are calling 'Squid Games.' The concept behind this Netflix series is not appropriate for children. There is

violent content that children may copy in playground games. It has a BBFC rating of 15+. We had some issues with this back in 2021 but it seems to be having a revival at the moment. Children are being told by the adults in school that it is not an appropriate game to play.

World Book Day – Book in a jar competition

These have started to come in to school and the creativity on show is fantastic. Keep them coming in. Next Thursday is World Book Day and the children can choose to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please make sure that children have sensible footwear on and a warm coat for outside time.

Mary's Meals

Please keep collecting **aluminium cans** and bring them into school to go in the Mary's Meals bin which will be at the front of school. Please rinse out all tins before donating them. Fr Paul is very thankful for all the donations so far and he took a lot with him this week.

Road Safety Competition

Our Road Safety champions, Henry and Suzanne have launched a new competition for children to come up with a catchy slogan or an acrostic poem to promote walking safely to school. The competition closes on the 21st March.

St David's Day

Happy St David's Day to any of our families with a Welsh connection. The patron saint of Wales, St David has a fascinating story associated with him. It might be one to research with the children.

Catholic Social Teaching – Dignity of Workers

On Friday we launched this half term's CST principle with an assembly. We talked about fairness and used the Fairtrade movement to explain this. Later this half term our Reception class will be sharing an assembly on this principle with us all. Their parents will be invited.

These letters are also on the website under the Parents tab.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff, Headteacher

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10