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Dear Parents,

Although we are not quite at the end of the Spring term, this will be the final Parent Letter before Easter. The staff and children have worked so hard this term and I thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Rocksteady Rock Concert

This will take place on Friday 4th April at 10am. Parents of band members and others are welcome to join us.

Parents' Evenings

Spring term Parents' Evenings were held last week in school. Thank you for coming in to share your children's work and chat to their teacher.

Parish News

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

Please check the parish website for details of Holy Week services. It is always a sadness when we are not in school for Holy Week. It is such an important week, please try to attend the services in the parish churches. Fr Paul and Sr Phyllis would be delighted to see you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – First Forgiveness

Congratulations to the children in Year 4 who received this very special sacrament on Wednesday evening at St Wilfrid's Church. It was a beautiful service planned by Mrs Cannavan. Thank you to Fr Paul and to Fr Bernard and Sr Phyllis who welcomed the children. Thank you to Mrs Bold and Mrs Simeone who supported the children on Wednesday evening, it is much appreciated. Thank you too to the families who joined us, it is a partnership of preparation.

Lent Fundraising

Our target is £200 for CAFOD which we beat last year. So far this year we are at £35 so we've got a way to go yet!

The 'Big Lent Walk' has been taking place on our Golden Mile track. If you haven't donated to our fundraiser, there is still time. The children will be completing the challenge next week. You can donate using this Just Giving link:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-wilfrids2025> or by using the QR code on the flyer sent home last week or by sending a cash donation into school. This will all help us to reach our total.

Next week we will be having an Easter Egg raffle with an Easter Egg for each class. Tickets are 20p each.

On Friday 4th April we are having a 'Crazy Hair Day!' Come into school for a £1 donation to our Lent fundraiser.

PTFA Fundraising

On Wednesday the PTFA are holding a Family Chocolate Bingo event in the school hall. It starts at 3:30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you to the PTFA for running the very popular Mother's Day Surprise Room yesterday.

Gingerbread Socks

The Down Syndrome Society's gingerbread socks were on last week and were so popular they sold out in one day. The socks were designed in 2016 by a past pupil of ours, Emma. The odd sock day and the gingerbread helps to raise awareness and funds for the Down Syndrome Society of Cheshire. Thank you for your generosity.

Teaching Students

Each year we host Teaching Students in school as part of their course. It is an important partnership. This week we say goodbye to Mr Millington in Reception class and Miss Bragg in Year 2. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them well in their future careers.

Y4 St Nicholas Taster Day

Yesterday, our Year 4 class spent the day at St Nicholas. They took part in different sports events, art and took part in a Lenten reflection with the Chaplain. They had a fantastic, fun filled day and Mrs Hames, Mrs Watts and Mrs Coleman were very proud of them.

Easter Mass

On Wednesday, 23rd April at 9:15am, Fr Paul will be in school to celebrate a Holy Week Mass with us. You are welcome to join us. This is the first day back after Easter.

Netball

On Wednesday, Mrs Cooper took four Year 3 and 4 children to a mixed netball competition at St Nicholas. The children were a credit to school and although they didn't win, they did improve with each game and they had lots of fun.

Lent Bags

I hope you have enjoyed sharing these as a family. Thank you to Mrs Cannavan and Mrs Bold for all the hard work that went into preparing them.

Campus Field Gate

A joint statement from the campus schools will be going out next week.

I am delighted to say that the gate will be open after Easter. Next week I will share the Risk Assessment, the route across the field and the timings of the gate opening.

We would like any parents, grandparents or carers who wish to use this route to pop into school next week so that we can use our entry sign in system to take your photograph for a parent lanyard.

Car Parking

Please remember to NOT park on the hashed circle. It is very dangerous to walk children to cars parked there. Only blue badge holders should be parked at the front of school. Pre school parents should have picked up and left site before 3pm. If you have children in both pre school and school you need to park off site and walk down or pay to use our car park.

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 and squash them if possible. Remember NO TIN CANS. Fr Paul is very thankful for all the donations so far.

Road Safety Competition

Our Road Safety champions, Henry and Suzanne launched a competition for children to come up with a catchy slogan or an acrostic poem to promote walking safely to school. The competition deadline has been extended so get your entries in as soon as possible.

Mrs Jane Cox

You will all know Mrs Cox who is one half of our dynamic duo that run our school office.

Next Friday will be Jane's last day as she begins a well-deserved retirement after **28 and a half years** service to St Wilfrid's School. Both her own boys attended St Wilfrid's and I know that our school will always be a special place to her. Between Mrs Bennett and Mrs Cox the font of knowledge about children, parents and staff both past and present is remarkable and we may need a hotline to Jane for the odd query!

We, the staff, children and parents will miss you very much indeed Jane and we wish you a long and happy and richly deserved retirement.

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

Wishing you and your families the blessings of Holy Week and the joy of Easter.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff, Headteacher

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