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Dear Parents,

Another busy week at St Wilfrid's. Thank you for your ongoing patience with the roadworks. We have been given this Friday for the end date with next Wednesday, the 17th September as a reserve end date in case they encounter problems this week!

Start of the Year Mass

On Monday, Fr Paul came into school for our Start of Year Mass. It was a beautiful way to start the new school year. Sr Phyllis and several of our wonderful governors joined us. The theme was friendship. Monday was also the day in liturgical year when we celebrate the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

On Monday the 13th October at 9:15am we will have our Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid. All are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

Earrings

I include this for our new parents and those who have been with us a while. There are still children in school wearing earrings. I know that we are often thought to be kill joys insisting on this rule so here is the advice we and other schools and coaching facilities follow:

The 2020 edition of ['Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity \(PESSPA\)'](#) is written by the Association for Physical Education (afPE), it is the essential reference and developmental tool, for everyone, offering up-to-date advice to help teachers, coaches and school governors protect their students and themselves from potential risks across both the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

"Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."

Young children can't always take earrings out - a teacher shouldn't be taking earrings out either. The 2020 version goes on to say: "Staff are not required to remove or tape up earrings for students. Taping over ear and body piercings may offer a measure of protection in some physical activity situations, where individuals are required to work within their own personal space. However, the amount of tape used needs to be sufficient to prevent the piercing penetrating, for example, the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received from someone or some item of equipment, such as a ball."

The removal of earrings by children is something we would wish to avoid as children often find it difficult and any loss of them would cause upset.

Children use PE equipment at playtimes and lunchtimes which is why we prefer to have a blanket ban on earrings in school.

If your child has had their ears pierced recently, then they may put plaster or tape over them until they are able to be taken out and left out all day. This is usually between 6 and 8 weeks.

Parking - everybody's least favourite topic!

Thank you to the majority of our parents and family members who follow our parking procedures. There are just a few of our families who ignore these procedures. This is frustrating for you and for us. The start of the year is usually just about helping our new families with the parking which we don't mind at all.

Due to inconsiderate parking this week we have not had enough space for legitimate blue badge holders.

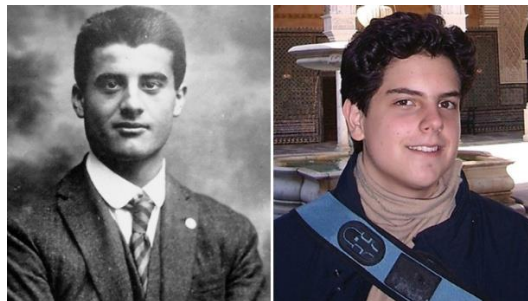
Please emphasise to family members and friends collecting from school that there is no parking at the front of school.

Two, New Saints!

In assembly this morning we spoke about our two new saints. On Sunday, Pope Leo XIV canonized Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pier was born in Turin in 1901. From a young age he devoted his time to caring for the poor and sick. He became an activist promoting the Catholic Church's social teaching. He contracted Polio whilst caring for the sick and died in 1925, aged 24.

Carlo was born in London in 1991 but was raised in Milan. From an early age, Carlo had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, preaching to his peers and creating a website promoting Eucharistic miracles and Eucharistic devotion. He was diagnosed with leukemia and died in 2006 at the young age of fifteen.



Reading Books, KS2 Diaries and Homework Books

Your child will be bringing home reading books and for the older children, homework books and diaries. Lots of schools charge for these, we don't. We spend a lot of money on these items and we'd be grateful if you would

remind your child that they need looking after. They need to be in a waterproof bag or book bag and kept away from water bottles. If your child loses or damages these items, there will be a charge for replacements.

Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group is every Thursday in the school hall, 9:30am to 11am and only £1 to cover the cost of a drink. Please let everyone with youngsters know about it. Really great fun and a chance to meet other parents.

The Icon's Visit

On Monday we receive the Jubilee Icon from St Joseph's in Winsford.

Three Icons were blessed by Bishop Mark during the Mass of the Sacred Chrism at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, before the Easter Triduum. In his homily that evening Bishop Mark said, 'It is the pure and sinless Heart of Mary which is of all hearts most closely aligned to the Heart of Jesus. And so, I wish this evening to send an image of Our Lady, as she is depicted in our Cathedral in the joy of her Visitation, to every school and college of the Diocese. As Pope Francis spoke of Our Lady as truly the pilgrim of hope, for he declares, "Hope finds its supreme witness in the Mother of God. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life"'.

It is hoped that this Jubilee Icon of the Visitation will be an opportunity in this Jubilee Year for us, pilgrims of hope, to grow ever closer to Jesus through his mother, Mary.

Whilst the Jubilee Icon of the Visitation is with us, we hope you will share the beauty and significance of this image and take time with us to pray for hope, renew your devotion to Our Lady, Help of Christians, and deepen your relationship with Jesus, who is our Lord, our light and our hope.

Our chapel will be open on Monday afternoon from 2pm for veneration of the Icon. You would be most welcome to visit.

Each class will spend time with the Icon before we process it to St Nicholas on Wednesday morning.



Shout Outs!

Each week the teachers choose three children in each class to receive a curriculum 'Shout Out'. We celebrate these when we have a Friday 'Celebration Assembly.' I am aware that the children might not share this news with you so I am going to share it here each week.

In addition, younger children receive 'dojos' and all receive Housepoints for their houses. Each week two children in each class are also sent home with a handwritten postcard for demonstrating our school values.

Shout Outs!!!!			
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
Noa – Literacy Aziel – RE Thea – PSED	Lucy – Writing Rel – Geography Rhett – Reading	Raffi – PE Bella – Writing Ivy – Phonics	
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aleksander – Maths Albie – English Aurora – Reading	Monty – RE Jianna – Writing Edward – Maths	Jaxon – English Bea – RE Noah – Geography	Floyd – Writing Charlotte – Maths Connor – RE

Well done everybody!

God Bless you and your families.

Justine McEniff Headteacher



DEMOCRACY



THE RULE OF LAW



MUTUAL RESPECT



INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY



TOLERANCE
OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT
FAITHS AND BELIEFS

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

At St. Wilfrid's we love one another,
show respect and accept responsibility.
Embracing opportunity and nurturing creativity,
we share in the joy of Jesus.



Ready



Respectful



Safe

