



St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents Carers,

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Year 6 lead worship at St Wilfrid's Church.

It was wonderful for Key Stage 2 pupils to be joined by parents and carers of Year 6 pupils at St Wilfrid's Church this week. The year 6 pupils provided a fascinating presentation about gold, and its importance to civilisations throughout history. This was the first such 'in person' occasion that parents have been able to attend for many months, and as such it was particularly special. Hopefully, this will be the first of many such occasions this year.

Parent School Association (PSA) Meeting

Our Parent School Meeting takes place on Thursday at 7:30pm at school. All parents are warmly invited. During the meeting, there will be discussion around this year's events. Seating will be socially distanced – if you are planning to attend, it would be helpful if you could send a short email to the school office to help provide an indication of numbers. The meeting will be held in the hall, which will be well ventilated. We would encourage visitors to wear a mask, though this will not be required.

It will not be possible to provide refreshments (because of Covid), so please feel free to bring a drink. Whilst toilet facilities are available, it might be worth popping to the toilet shortly before leaving home to reduce the use of this facility!

Meet the Head and Teachers

I am very keen to hold an event to meet informally with parents / carers. However, Covid restrictions obviously make this more of a challenge. Whilst we have had no cases of covid in school as yet, that is not the case across the County, and we must do what we reasonably can to limit the potential of transmitting the virus across school.

However, I am hopeful of arranging an in person event towards the end of this half term, and anticipate communicating information about this at the end of this week or start of next.

Teaching Vacancies

Due to staffing changes last year, we are currently recruiting for a Deputy Head Teacher, due to take up post in January 2022. Governors will update parents and carers around this and any other recruitment matters when they are able to.

Parents / Carers code of Conduct and Home School Agreement

Upon my appointment, the school Governors asked that I work with them to develop a parent / carer code of conduct, and to update the Home School Agreement. The Home School



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Agreement provides a summary of ideal conduct of parents / carers, school and pupils, whilst the parent carer code of conduct policy outlines in detail ideal conduct of parents / carers.

All school's develop policies to outline the expected conduct of pupils in school, and staff must adhere to a number of policies linked to their own professional conduct, including a specific Code of Conduct Policy for all staff (available on request from the school office). Whilst unacceptable conduct from parents and carers is extremely rare, having a policy in place helps the school community understand ideal and unacceptable conduct. In recent years, many schools and school staff, have been victims of abusive or negative comments made online, many of which detail inaccurate, and sometimes libellous information, that can have a very negative effect on schools in general, and can have a significantly negative impact on school staff members' emotional well-being.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mark North.