



## Wilfrid's News

*Inspired by Christ we grow and learn together reaching our fullest potential.*

We would like to clarify our procedures for children who are asked to come into school early to attend trips and events.

If we ask that you bring children into school before nine o'clock to attend a trip or event you are welcome to bring brothers and sisters who attend our school and leave them with breakfast club staff. There will be no charge for this.

I am aware that there were mixed messages given by a range of staff on Monday. This was a simple confusion and was not the fault of the office staff in any way.

### **Billy Elliott Performance**

Our year five children really enjoyed their visit to the high school to see this show. It was a great opportunity to see St Benet Biscop's High school and to see the amazing opportunities provided for the children. Our thanks go to Mr Todd and the staff and performers for a great experience.

### **Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics**

St Wilfrids have been taking part in half termly projects to help children to develop the skills they will need in the future. So far we have had Spooky Science Day, Design a new sleigh for Santa and this half term Key Stage One have been Hydrologists looking at rainfall and drought and Key Stage Two have become Forensic Scientists to learn a number of techniques for solving crimes.

We would like to ask if there are any family members out there who work in the industry of any kind but especially science and engineering who would be able to come in and talk to the children about their jobs.

### **Forest School**

As I told everyone earlier this year Mrs Dillon has been working very hard to develop our Forest School facilities. She has applied for grants from companies like Tesco and Greggs and has managed to get the Environmental Protection Agency to build a number of structures (for free!). We received a container from The Port Of Blyth who donated the container and transported it (also for free). This will be the outdoor classroom and I am delighted that we have managed to get the window installed this week. The internal fittings and outside wood cladding and grass roof are our next steps. Mrs Dillon and I would like to

draw your attention to the information on the website which explains all about our Forest School.



### **St Wilfrid's Poets**

Just before Christmas I told you about the star poetry writers who had been published in the book "Once upon a Dream". Unfortunately one of the names was missed from the list so a huge apology goes to Kenya Benjamin who was one of our star poets for her poem "In Magic World". Well done Kenya.

### **Mothers Day Tea Party**

Last year's party was such a success that we are holding another one this year.

It will take place on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3.30. Tickets are £2.50 for each adult and £1 for each child. Children who are not yet in nursery come free.

There will be no pay on the door and the cut off date for tickets is Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is so that we know exact numbers for catering.

Tickets will be available after half term.

We also have a few other lovely events in mind for the rest of this term and for the summer- watch this space!

### **Facebook**

We have been made aware of very personal, insulting and negative comments being made on a site using the St Wilfrid's name. Whilst the governors and I are sure this was set up with the best intentions to share information it appears to have been used in other, more negative ways and the information provided has often been incorrect. **The governors and I would like to stress that this site has no official connection whatsoever with St Wilfrids and we, as a school have no control over the content.** We would also like to remind all parents that legal action can be taken by individuals about comments made on social media sites.

### **Traffic around school**

Can I please remind everyone of the need to drive carefully in the streets around school and especially in the back lane? A parent has reported that she and her family had a near miss with a speeding car very recently. If anything like this does happen please telephone the police directly and let school know.

### **Health Issues**

We have had a number of cases of headlice in recent weeks. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. If we see headlice we send the child home to be treated and send a letter to the whole class. This is all we can do and we rely on your help to stop them spreading.

We have also had two cases of worms. These are often caught from contact with animals and can be prevented by very careful handwashing with normal soap and water. We are unable to use any strong antibacterial type soaps in schools but always encourage handwashing after going to the toilet and before eating.

Sickness bugs have been going round and round in school, If you child has sickness you must keep them off school for forty eight hours after they have last vomitted. However we have had a number of children who have been made slightly sick by repeated coughing. If this is the case you can send them back as soon as they are well enough.