



Head Teacher  
Mr. R. Baker

Archdiocese of Birmingham  
ST. WILFRID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
& NURSERY UNIT  
Shawsdale Road, Birmingham, B36 8LY.  
Telephone: 0121 675 3319  
E-mail: [enquiry@stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Newsletter No 1– 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

Welcome back after the summer break!

It has been lovely to see the children again – they have come back with smiles and great enthusiasm which is always great to see.

### School Masses

These take place every Friday at 9.05 am in St Wilfrid's Church and are led by different classes.  
Please do join us if you can – you would be most welcome.

### Education Sunday

On **Sunday 8th September**, we celebrate Education Sunday – one of the oldest days of Special Prayer in England and Wales! Nearly 200 years ago, the Catholic Church made the education of the poor their top priority and so they started raising money to fund the national network of schools which we enjoy today. Some children will be excited to be back at school or starting for the first time, whilst others might feel anxiety. You might like to discuss these thoughts and feelings with your child and take an opportunity together to thank God for the opportunity of their education.

Praying Together - Why not pray for...

- Children - to be inspired throughout their education and flourish in all their endeavours.
- Teachers - to find fulfilment and joy in their vocation.
- Politicians and leaders - to keep the needs and hopes of young people at the heart of their work.
- People from across the globe - who through conflict, poverty or oppression, do not have access to education.
- Chaplains - who bring the gospel to those in all walks of life, in prisons, at sea, in schools, in universities and in the forces.

Dear Jesus, As I walk and talk today, help me know your love. As I work and play today, help me to remember that you are my friend. Whenever I find things difficult, remind me that you will help me if I ask. Jesus, thank you for inviting me to walk with you. Amen

### Values and Virtues

The two virtues we are focusing on for this half term are **Grateful and Generous**. Year 5 will be promoting these virtues and awarding children who they notice are particularly **grateful and generous**.

To be **grateful** is to be thankful for something – a gift from God, a gift from others, the blessings of each day.

To be **generous** is to share what they have with others.

Talk to your child about what they are **grateful** for. Do they remember to thank others? Do they remember to thank God? Talk to your child about how they can be **generous**. How can they share what they have?

Next week in Collective Worship, the children will be considering how they can be **generous** to others and will be asked to start bringing in gifts for Harvest Festival, which we will celebrate on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. More details to follow. All children *'have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food'*. (UNICEF Right of the Child – Article 24).

### Child Protection

St Wilfrid's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people. The school is an agent of Birmingham Children's Services and in certain circumstances, if there are concerns about a child, advice from, or referral to Children's Services may be made.

This is a legal obligation of the school.

### Pastoral Care

This year, Mrs Theo Cropper (Family Support Worker), Ms Michelle Stephens (Attendance Worker), Mr Casey Gordon (Emotional Health and Well Being Worker) and Mr Luke Francis (PE and Health Mentor) will be working with the school to support families and children.





### **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is vital that children attend regularly and arrive punctually if they are to make progress in their learning. Poor attendance and punctuality severely limits this learning and can cause them to fall behind their peers and often struggle to catch up.

Our 'Wise Up' Attendance Programme rewards good attendance and each term 'Gold' or 'Silver' certificates will be given out for excellent attendance.

Absence during term time – please note holidays during term time will not be authorised and if taken could result in a fine.

School starts at **8.45 am** and **12.30 pm** for Nursery children and **8.55 am** for children in Reception to Year 6, finishing at **3.30 pm**.

The school gates will be locked at 9 am each morning to ensure the safety of the children. If your child arrives after this time, then they must be escorted by their parent to the main office.

Please inform, or make the teachers aware of who is picking up your child from school. If this changes, then please contact the school office to let us know – thank you for your co-operation.

(Please do read the letter about attendance sent with your child).

### **'Our Lady and All Saints' Academies Consultation**

A meeting for all parents to hear information and express views about the proposed academisation of St Wilfrid's in 2020 will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 6 pm in the school hall**. Please join us if you can.

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name – it makes it so much easier to find mislaid items.

### **School Meals**

If your child is in Y3-Y6 and has school meals then please ensure monies are sent into school with your child on a Monday morning in a clearly named envelope. The price of a school meal is £2.35 per day, £11.75 per week. Also if your child's school meal arrangements change i.e from school meals to packed lunches, then please let the school office know. Thank you.

### **Secondary Transfer September 2020**

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to submit a secondary school application by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 in order to receive their secondary school offer on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020. To make an application online please visit

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. If you have any problems, then please contact the school office.

There will be Open Evenings for St Edmund Campion on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6 pm and John Henry Newman on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mrs O'Donnell on the birth of Reggie during the holidays. A very happy and healthy little boy!

### **Prayers**

We think of and pray for our past Year 6 children who are starting their Secondary school careers.

Have a great weekend

Yours sincerely,

**R Baker and staff**

