

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back! It has been great to welcome you all back to St Wilfrid's for the start of a brand new school year. It has been especially nice to welcome the new pupils to our school from our Reception classes and in other classes as well. We hope you have had a lovely summer break and we are raring to go here at school. We have 'Open classroom' on Wednesday 12th September after school and we look forward to seeing you then.

The staff have been working hard to prepare everything and, in particular, Mr Atkin, our premises manager, has done wonders with the school, painting, polishing and pruning!

Many of you have seen the new playground markings and today the company came to finish off the work with the fitting of our outdoor stage and improvements to the quiet area in the Infants playground.

In addition, we have new windows fitted in Robins, Hedgehogs and Squirrels classrooms and they have had a new paintjob as well. Also, the treetops room and the studio have both been painted, along with the wall surrounding the front door.

On the theme of new, we have a brand new website which should be up and running over the course of the weekend and can now be found out at stwilfridsce.eschools.co.uk. On here you will find the information we had on the previous website and we will be working hard over the next week to make sure it is all there.

'Growing in Success, Rooted in Faith'

During the summer term, we (Governors, Staff, children, parents) spent time reflecting on our school, what was special about it and how it could be even better. The aim was to create a new vision for the school. After much discussion, we have created our new vision for St Wilfrid's.

We want the children to leave our school, caring, hoping, aspiring, respecting, inquiring and sharing. We have used the Martlet birds, on our school badge, to represent the 6 values we want to be promoting, developing and embedding in the life of our school. The school maintains its important Christian ethos and this will continue to be woven into everything we do.

We want our children to grow in success as they move through the school and we feel these values will help them to do that.

In each half term, the children will be reflecting on a different one of the six values and we start with **caring**.

Our vision is...



At St Wilfrid's, we will **care** for those around us. Our world is precious and we will rise to the challenge of caring for it.



At St Wilfrid's, we will have **hope** in ourselves and others. We will have the courage to meet the opportunities and challenges of the world of the future.



At St Wilfrid's, we will **aspire** to be our best, through having high expectations of ourselves. We will grow in our successes and learn from the obstacles we overcome.



At St Wilfrid's, we will **respect** each other as individuals for both our similarities and differences. Our compassion will show the value we place on every member of our school community and for the wider world.



At St Wilfrid's, we will **inquire** about God's varied and wonderful world. We will learn through exploration and questioning as we grow in understanding.



At St Wilfrid's, we will **share** our joy in learning, our faith and our knowledge with each other. We will work together for the benefit of all in our community and beyond.

Our values are:

caring, hoping, aspiring, respecting, inquiring and sharing.
Inspired by the love of God, rooted in the Christian faith.

Sergeant Arthur Knight VC



On Sunday 2nd September, there was a commemorative service held at Muster Green in memory of Sergeant Arthur Knight, an ex-pupil of St Wilfrid's, who died on 2nd September 1918. It was a very special occasion and it was a privilege to be a part of the ceremony. Two of our pupils, Betty and Maya, laid a wreath on behalf of the school and Father Ray conducted the service. St Wilfrid's has a roll of honour in our building remembering those ex-pupils who gave their lives in the First World War and it serves as a sombre reminder of the sacrifices these men made.

