

St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a restful half-term break. Thank you so much for your support with our Scarecrow Festival on Thursday 18th October. It was a wonderful event and we were so fortunate that the sun was shining. We are still waiting for confirmation of the funds raised for Wigan and Leigh Hospice and will inform you as soon as this has been confirmed.

It is our Open Day on Thursday 1st November 2018 and we will be inviting prospective parents and carers to visit the school. School will be open as normal and tours will be during the afternoon at 1.45pm and evening at 6.30pm. Please share this information with any families of young children – Details are on the school website.

At St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy we endeavour to maintain high standards across the school and I would like to remind you of the following:

Children may bring either toast or a piece of fruit for their morning snack. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be given the option to have a piece of fruit provided in school. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal bars or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. These types of snacks are often high in sugar and saturated fat. Snacks should be kept in the children's trays or boxes and not placed in lunch boxes.

Children are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle to school to keep them hydrated throughout the school day. These can be refilled at various water coolers around the school. Children are only permitted to drink water from these bottles and not juice. However, they may have a drink of juice as part of their school lunch.

Also, to reinforce our current policy, children are not allowed to give out sweets or chocolate in school as part of Birthday celebrations. You may wish for your child to give out other treats, for example, stationary, stickers etc. A class gift, such as a story book, is another way children can feel special on their Birthday, and this has been successful in some classes.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings in school. We would encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black. As the weather is getting colder, we would encourage all children to bring a warm coat.

Governors have determined that holidays during term-time will not be authorised unless it meets the agreed criteria for 'exceptional circumstances'.

Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment (including the KS1 bridge and train) or bring in balls to play with before and after school. Also children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds.

Finally, pets are not allowed on the school site at any time and smoking is not permitted.

Many thanks for your co-operation and continued support,

Mr S. Colothan
Headteacher



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