

St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



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Re: End of Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Autumn term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation. Although we have had to follow guidance and implement a range of control measures, due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, we have continued to provide children with a broad, balanced and rich education, within a welcoming and safe environment, and the children have responded exceptionally well to the changes. Thank you too for adhering to the guidance, adapting to the changes in arrangements and supporting your children when remote learning has taken place.

I would like to give you a staffing update. Following my permanent appointment as Executive Headteacher of the Learning Together Trust, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Prentki have been appointed as Deputy Headteachers, alongside Miss Clayton, and Mrs. Kohler appointed as Assistant Headteacher. Our Senior Leaders are responsible for leading and managing the different phases of school.

Mrs. Pearce recently commenced her maternity leave and we look forward to hearing her exciting news very soon. We also say farewell to Mrs. Hughes at the end of term, who will take up a teaching post at another school. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to say thank you and good luck to Mrs. Hughes, who has worked at St. Wilfrid's for a number of years. Mrs. Barrow, who is a current member of staff at St. Wilfrid's, will commence her new role as class teacher of 4C from January 2021. We are also delighted to welcome Mr. R. Jones, who will teach Computing and lead media across our school.

We have thoroughly enjoyed a festive final few weeks in school, with Christmas parties, a visit from Father Christmas for our younger children, a Christingle themed day and virtual Christingle service, a personalised message from Father Christmas and a virtual pantomime. We have also experienced other virtual services, including Christmas messages from each class and a Carol and Christmas Singalong, which can all be viewed on the homepage of the school website. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Newman who has spent many hours putting these digital presentations together.

Tomorrow will be our final day of term and as part of our focus on wellbeing, children with a December birthday can wear non-uniform and all children can bring a party snack (no nuts please) for the birthday celebration. School will reopen to children on Wednesday 6th January and staggered drop off and pick up times will remain in place until we receive further guidance and advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

I would like to thank our school staff for their incredible hard work this term. There have been a number of challenges, due to the very different times that we are in. However, our team have always put our children first and gone above and beyond what is expected of them. I feel very proud and privileged to lead this wonderful school. We were thrilled to be named in the Sunday Times' Top 250 Primary Schools in England last month, which is an incredible achievement.

Finally, I would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

With prayers and best wishes,

Mr. Colothan
Executive Headteacher



***'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'* Philippians 4:13**

