

St. Wilfrid's Catholic (VA) Primary School and Nursery



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 Feb Parents' Consultation Meeting with staff 1.30-6.30 pm
8 Feb Sacramental meeting 5
15 – 19 Feb HALF TERM
23 Feb Y3 start swimming
24 Feb High 5 begins again
25 Feb PTA Cinema Night
29 Feb Y4 Sacrament of Reconciliation
1 Mar Secondary School Notification Day
14 Mar Assessment week for all children Y1 to Y6
15 Mar Y3 & Y4 Let's Sing at Robin Park
23 Mar Term ends
18 Apr Shakespeare Week
9-12 May Y6 SATs Week
 Y2 SATs will also take place in **May**
 Y1 Phonics Check in **June**

Areas for Development 2016

Each year, after test results are published for Y1, Y2 and Y6 and assessments are completed for all the other years in school, we look at this, as well as other areas for development in the school for attainment, for teaching, for leadership – including governors, for the curriculum and the fabric of the building. These are the areas we consider priorities:

- Embedding the new national curriculum which was introduced for Y1, Y3 to Y5 in September 2014, Y2 & Y6 in September 2015
- Continue to develop the new Computing curriculum
- New assessment and tracking system, not based on levels
- Raise attainment, especially in more able writers
- Raise the profile of reading in school and at home
- All teachers have a leader role in school, usually in a subject
- Governors have personalised training in important areas like safeguarding, special needs & assessment
- All staff have an understanding of the PREVENT agenda – linked to safeguarding and extremism
- Replacing the roof, replacing heating system

The school **Facebook** page is up and running. It is an **open group** so parents need to be sure whether they want their child's picture uploaded, with or without their names. Permission forms have gone home and only those with permission will be uploaded. We hope this will be a further vehicle for communicating what is going on in school.

Homework We have sent an electronic copy via ParentPay of the homework given out to each class each week. The work supports what your child is doing in school and helps their school work.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

Spring 2016

5 January to 23 March
 Half Term: 15 to 19 February inclusive

Summer Term 2016

12 April to 20 July
 Half Term: 30 May to 3 June inclusive
 Bank holiday: 2 May
 Staff Training Days: 1 September, 4 January, 11 April

Autumn Term 2016

6 September to 22 December
 (Reception Class start full time on 7 September)
 Half Term: 24 – 28 October inclusive

Spring Term 2017

10 January to 7 April
 Half Term: 20-24 February inclusive

Summer Term 2017

25 April to 21 July
 Half Term: 29 May to 2 June inclusive
 Bank holiday:

RE Monitoring Visit December 2015

In December, Father Melly from the Archdiocesan Christian Education Department came to check on how we are progressing in our delivery of RE. We have maintained our 'Outstanding' status.

This is what he said:

Areas to celebrate

- Ethos created by the vibrant living out by all of the Mission Statement
- The Catholic life of the school
- The happiness of all the pupils, their behaviour, their eagerness to learn and their application to the tasks set.
- The imaginative and enthusiastic use of 'Come and See' and the subject knowledge of the staff
- The high standard of the work, excellently presented
- The trialling of success criteria in Y4 & Y6
- The planning, delivery and participation in collective worship
- The link with the parish clergy and with the parish
- the enthusiasm and giftedness of the governing body

Areas for continued development

- Continue to implement the Self Evaluation Document
- Develop the moderation which is in place by widening the process to include other local schools

ParentPay is our main communication tool. Even if you want to pay for things with cash, there is no charge to register for **ParentPay**. We would like to send to all parents electronically; that assumes that all have PCs, laptops, tablets or smartphones to receive email. Please let us know if that is not the case.



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