

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



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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 May Confirmation/First Holy Communions start
9-12 May Y6 SATs Week
Y2 SATs will also take place in **May**
30 May-3 June Half Term
10 June PTA Fashion Show
14 June Good Shepherd Mass – School Choir sing
20 June Olympics Week
Y1 Phonics Check in **June**
21 June Y5 Wider Opportunities Concert 9.15 am
Y5 Come and Play with the Hallé - Bridgwater Hall
27 June Thanksgiving Mass for Y4 First Holy Communion children, family and whole school. Group Photo and party.
30 June St Edmund Arrowsmith HS New Intake Evening

1 July PTA Summer Fayre after school
4 July KS2 Sports Day p.m.
5 July Parents Introduction Day St Edmund Arrowsmith HS
6-8 July Y6 Induction Days at St Edmund Arrowsmith High School including...
6 July Y6 Let's Sing at Robin Park
6 July Nursery Sports Day a.m. 7 p.m.
7 July Reception & KS1 Sports Day p.m.
11 July Y5 & Y6 BBC Ten Pieces Gala concert at Robin Park
13 July Leavers' Mass 10.30 a.m.
14 July Opportunity to discuss your child's report
19 July Leavers' Assembly 2 p.m.
20 July Term ends

SPORTS DAYS

4th July KS2 (Y3 to Y6)
6th July Nursery both a.m. & p.m.
7th July Reception & KS1 (Y1 & Y2)

PUPIL ABSENCE

When your child is absent from school please let us know as soon as possible. Leaving a message on the answer machine is fine.

The Government is very keen that children attend school as much as possible, preferably 100%. They consider attendance below 90% (the equivalent of 19 days) as detrimental to a child's education. Attendance below 85% (equivalent of 28.5 days) would trigger a penalty notice (a fine) - these days include holidays in term time.

Whilst the attendance for the vast majority of children is very good, there is a small group of children whose attendance is giving cause for concern.

I will be sending out letters to their families to make them aware of this.

SEPTEMBER STAFFING

We have appointed a new teacher in Nursery for September – Miss Emily Taylor. Miss Dooner will be in Reception, Mrs Melling in Year 1, Mrs Atkinson in Year 2, Mrs Thompson in Year 3, Miss Johnson in Year 4, Mr Hassan in Year 5 and Miss Brown-Crowther in Year 6. Mrs O'Brien will continue to support in Year 6.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

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: 1 May

Parental Questionnaire - What you said and what we do

As a school we work very hard to care for the emotional well-being of children. We involve outside agencies if we have concerns about a child's well-being and interventions have been very successful.

We try and involve fulltime working parents by not arranging meetings during the day and making sure there are evening options for parents. We give as much notice as we are able.

Many sports clubs are open to all and through these we will also choose teams. Numbers are limited though. As a school we have always been heavily involved in competitive sport and have had many successes in a large number of sports over the years, due to the hard work of Mr Hassan, Mr Sharples, Mrs Kime & Mrs Brown. Our PE curriculum is very varied and challenging and we encourage all the children to be as active as possible through PE lessons.

We endeavour to pass on information to parents via Parent Pay which may be followed up by a note in the window or a paper copy if needed. We are in the process of changing our website to make it more accessible to parents, pupils and staff. We hope to go live late in May.

Policies are to be found on the present website but will be more easily accessed on the new one.

The PTA is organising regular events and these are increasing as time goes by.

We give enough homework. Home is for home activities, relaxation, clubs, outings, time with family. At present, not enough children are practising their reading at home – with an adult overseeing them. Like anything which should be practised – sport, music – repetition helps fluency so I urge you to hear your child read as often as you can.