Attendance

Currently our school attendance is 93% - our target for the year is 95%. 50 children have attendance that is 90% or lower.

It's really important that all children are in school on time (lessons start at 9am) and come to school every day. We know children catch bugs and can feel under the weather but not being in school does mean they miss essential learning. Please remember if you fill in a form at the office we can now give unprescribed medicines like Calpol.

We've sent out several messages about the new guidance on school attendance. School now has a duty to refer pupils who have had 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) or more off school in a 10 week period.

Holidays taken in term time are unauthorised and if the child is away from school for 5 days or more a referral will be made to the local authority and a fixed penalty notice (fine) may be issued. These days do not need to be altogether but can spread over different weeks.

If you do not inform school why your child is not in school the absence may go down as unauthorised – if this happens for 5 days in a 10 week period a referral may be made and you may get a warning or a fine.

PLEASE REMEMBER

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL TO START LEARNING AT 9AM INFORM SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT – CALL 01388 603451 OR DOJO MISS SANDS HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME WILL BE UNAUTHORISED AND MAY RESULT IN A FINE.

Holiday Club

Thursday and Friday in half term we will be offering free holiday club activity days like in the Summer. A letter was sent out this week – if you would like a place please return complete the form. Spaces are limited.

Class Dojo

It is really important that every family is on Class Dojo. We share most of our news here and sometimes urgent messages are posted. Please ensure someone from the family is connected on Dojo and checks through the day for updates.

Uniform

First Steps - white polo shirt, burgundy jumper or cardigan and black leggings or joggers

Years 1-6 white polo shirt, burgundy jumper or cardigan and black/dark grey skirt or trousers, dark coloured school shoes should be worn - **NOT TRAINERS**

PE Kit - Years 1-6 will be given an PE day. Your child should come to school in their PE kit.

PE kit should be white t-shirt, dark joggers/leggings or shorts

Jewellery

We have a no jewellery policy in school – NO EARRINGS, BRACELETS, NECKLACES OR RINGS. The children can wear a watch

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Thanks to all the families who park away from school and walk the short distance to school.

NO ONE SHOULD BE DROPPPING CHILDREN OFF ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES.

LEAVE ENOUGH TIME TO GET TO SCHOOL, PARK AND WALK.

REMINDER - WE USE A ONE WAY SYSTEM ON MURPHY CRESCENT – TURN UP AT THE SCHOOL SIGN AND DRIVE PAST WITH SCHOOL ON YOUR LEFT HAND SIDE.

DO NOT PARK, STOP OR DROP OFF ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES. PLEASE DON'T DOUBLE PARK OR COVER RESIDENTS DRIVEWAYS.

Asda fundraising

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to our school on the Asda Cashpot. So far we have raised £215 – if you haven't registered yet and shop at Asda please select St Wilfrid's Catholic School using our postcode DL14 6QH



| Diary Dates – details may change or be added as the term progresses | | | | | | | |
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| Tuesday 22 nd October | Fancy Dress Disco 5pm-6.30pm | | | | | | |
| | (For Years 1-6) | | | | | | |
| Thursday 24th October | Last day of half term | | | | | | |
| | School closed on Friday 25th October for teacher training | | | | | | |
| Monday 4 th November | School returns after half term | | | | | | |

| Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th | Parents Evenings for Years 1-6 | | | | | | |
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| November | | | | | | | |
| Friday 15 th November | Children In Need Day | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 3 rd December | Year 5 & 6 Carols and Readings at church | | | | | | |
| Monday 9 th December | Year 3 & 4 Nativity performance | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 11 th December | First Steps Christmas Performance | | | | | | |
| Thursday 12 th December | Year 1 & 2 Carols and Readings in school | | | | | | |
| Friday 13 th December | Christmas Dinner | | | | | | |
| | Christmas Jumper Day | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Year 3 & 4 party | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Year 5 & 6 party | | | | | | |
| | First Steps party | | | | | | |
| Thursday 19 th December | Year 1 & 2 party | | | | | | |
| Friday 20 th December | Last day of Term | | | | | | |
| | 2.30pm Whole School Christmas Celebration | | | | | | |

| PD Days | School Holiday | Bank Holiday |
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| | Sunday | Saturday | Friday | Thursday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Monday | | + | | Sunday | Saturday | Friday | Thursday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Monday | |
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