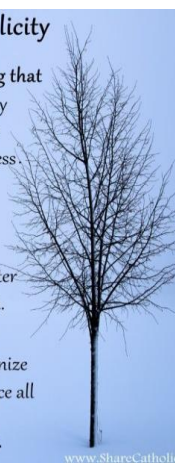




A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity. Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion. Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



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Welcome to our March newsletter and the season of Lent. Lent started in the half term holidays on Ash Wednesday. Across school you'll see purple cloths and displays showing we are in the Season of Lent – a time of preparing for Easter.

In school the children will be set a Lenten Challenge each week, encouraging them to do something extra or think of others more.

Our first challenge is to collect money to help out a charity. The children have chosen Cancer Research as our charity – all the money donated over the next couple of weeks will be sent to them. We are asking for any unwanted loose change – there is a

collection tin in the school hall.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a lot of uniform that has very kindly been donated to school. Jumpers, cardigans, T-shirts and some trousers and skirts. We've even some coats.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week we'll have these 'pre-loved' uniform out in the school hall from 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and see if you could use any of the items.

After School and Breakfast Club

Please remember there is a charge £1 per session for clubs, this can be paid on Scopay or in cash. Please try to keep up to date with your payments.

Attendance

We are still working really hard to improve school attendance. We know children do catch bugs at this time of year but our attendance figures are lower than in previous years.

If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please contact school either by phone, message on Dojo (to Miss Sands) or email office@stwilfrids.bhcet.org.uk .

Our school target is to have attendance of at least 95%, by the middle of February our figure was 92.5%. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last term.

Attendance up to end of December –school target is 95%	
Reception	78.5%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	91.8%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	92.4%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	92.5%
Well done to Year 1 who's attendance is slightly better than the other classes.	

READING AT HOME

The pupils need to read at home aswell as in school.



Punctuality

The school day begins at 9am and all pupils must be in by this time sadly over the Autumn term 361 times, pupils have arrived after 9 o'clock. If they are late they miss the start of lessons and essential teaching.

Please ensure your child is in school by 9am

Contact Details

Please ensure we have up to date phone and email contacts. If they change please inform school, thanks.

Advice for parents or online gaming attached to this newsletter.

Diary Dates	
Friday 10 th -Sunday 12 th March	Year 5 Outward Bound Residential
Wednesday 15 th & Thursday 16 th March	Next days of planned teacher strike action
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Year 1 trip to Souter Lighthouse
22 nd & 23 rd March	Parents Evenings – information on appointments will be sent out next week.
20 th – 24 th March	Safety Week
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Disco – more details closer to the time.
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of term
Monday 17 th April	School reopens for Summer term

Clothes Collection Box

Anyone having a Spring clean, drop any unwanted clothes in the collection box at the school gates. The items are recycled and we receive money for school fund.

Class Dojo

We use Class dojo for messages, reminders, class information and celebrations. If you are unable to access it please contact school.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Anyone who is interested 50p for hot chocolate and a biscuit each Friday.

Nursery Places



Is your child 3 years old and ready to start nursery – or do you have friends or family looking for a nursery place -we have nursery places available. In nursery we nurture and enrich each unique, individual child through playful experiences in a warm, safe, fun and caring environment!

We offer 15 hour sessions which run each morning from 8.45am - 11.45am or an afternoon session each day from 12.15pm -3.15pm. Your child’s 15 hours can be taken at the beginning or end of the school.

We also offer 30 hour sessions for those entitled which allows your child to attend Monday to Friday for the school day, term time only.

If you have a child of nursery age or know anyone who would be interested in their child attending please go to the main school office to complete an application form.

Well done to everyone who dressed up today for our World Book Day celebrations. We had so many words around school. The Potato decorating has been brilliant as always.



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Parents' guide: Gaming advice to support pre-teens

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What to think about:



Ways games can benefit children

If your child is a keen gamer, steer them towards games that will help them to develop life skills like problem-solving or supplement their learning.



Be aware of game content and themes

It's important to stay on top of what themes are featured in the games they play so that you can be aware of how these might influence their view of the real world.



Things to do

Set digital boundaries

Use a family agreement to set rules on what they can play, when and how long for to help them strike a healthy balance between gaming and other activities they do.

Use reviews and sites to pick appropriate games

Read parents and expert reviews of games they are interested in to help you choose the right games for them to play.

Encourage them to play in shared spaces

This is a simple way to stay engaged in what they are doing while gaming and step in if you feel something's not quite right.

Set privacy settings and learn how to report in-game abuse

Make it a habit to review their privacy settings on their account and teach them where to report in-game abuse so they can take action if they feel concerned.

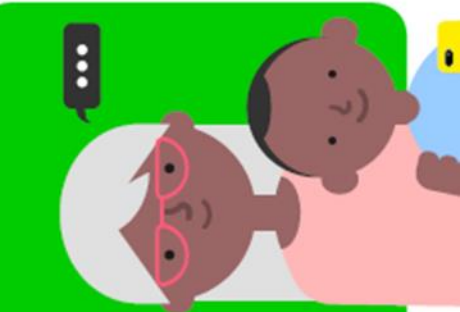
Gen-up on the lingo

Get up to speed on how players communicate while gaming to spot the signs of cyberbullying or negative behaviour.

Make gaming a family affair

Trying out new games with children makes it easier to relate and can give you a better sense of what the game is about and prompt conversation or safety measures to help them stay safe.

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What to talk about

Discuss what they enjoy playing

Have regular conversations about the games they play so you can create an environment where they feel they can come to you if something goes wrong.

Talk about potential risks

Help them understand the importance of keeping personal details private and tell them that not everyone online is who they say they are.

How to cope when things go wrong

If they see something that upsets them or are targeted by another player in a game, it's important to talk about how to handle this situation. Advise them to come and talk to you or a trusted adult for support.

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