



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Summer 7

FAITH FOCUS



"When Jesus saw the crowds he had compassion for them."
- Matthew 9:36

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that Jesus looks upon people not with judgement or impatience, but with deep compassion. He truly sees each one of us and understands our needs, worries, and hopes. Compassion is often lived out in small, quiet ways: listening carefully, offering reassurance, noticing when something isn't quite right, or giving time when it is most needed.

Summer Term- 7 weeks June 1st- 17th July

- Summer Concert Tuesday 30th June
- Friday 3rd July INSET [School Closed to all Pupils]
- Year 10 Work Experience WB 6th July
- Activities Week 13th July

Meet the Teacher

Name: Mr Given

Subject: PE

What inspired you to become a teacher:

As a former pupil of St. Wilfrid's (1983–1988), I was inspired to become a teacher from my very first PE lesson. My teacher, Mr Wanless, was tanned, charismatic, and a talented sportsman - I wanted to be just like him. Fortunately, I later returned to St. Wilfrid's as Head of PE in 2003 and even had the privilege of working alongside him.

What's a fun fact about you that pupils might not know:

I've appeared on television twice, taking part in two game shows! I was on The Generation Game with Bruce Forsyth alongside my mam, and I also competed on The Weakest Link with Anne Robinson. I made it to the final four - even after being the strongest link in two rounds - before being strategically voted off!

How do you spend your time when you're not teaching:

I enjoy spending time with my family - both of my children attended St. Wilfrid's. I'm also very keen on staying active and enjoy running, cycling, swimming, and weight training. One of my proudest achievements is completing an Ironman triathlon: a 2.4-mile swim, followed by a 112-mile bike ride, and then a full marathon. Even after falling off my bike at 110 miles and breaking my shoulder in two places, I still managed to finish the marathon!

Mr Glenn Sanderson has been appointed Acting Headteacher at St Wilfrid's during the current absence of the Headteacher:

My priority in taking on this role is to ensure continuity, stability and the very best experience for all pupils. With experience as both a Headteacher and Executive Headteacher, I am well placed to provide strong leadership and support during this time, ensuring the school continues to move forward with confidence.

I am committed to working closely with staff, pupils, parents and the wider community to maintain and strengthen the high standards we all expect for our children.

Over the coming weeks, my focus will be on supporting the school in delivering the highest possible quality of education for every pupil, while ensuring that the school remains a positive, nurturing and ambitious environment.

I very much look forward to working with you and serving the St Wilfrid's community during this time. Your continued support is greatly valued and appreciated.

Mr G Sanderson