

# St Wilfrid's NEWSLETTER

## Message from Mr Truby

Although it feels as though the half term has flown, I am delighted by how much we have achieved already this year. In our staff meeting yesterday evening, we reflected on the challenges and successes linked to the new approaches to teaching and learning. It was wonderful to hear that a common theme was about how well the children have responded. Teachers have reported improved attitudes to learning, particularly in mathematics, an increased love of reading through the whole class text and that more children are now keeping up with the pace of the learning, which will ultimately address the achievement gap between the lowest and highest attainers. The area that I am pleased with the most is the improvement in the culture in school, which is becoming increasingly positive. Early this term, many staff read a book called "Being Brilliant" by Andy Cope, which is based around the principles of positive psychology and this has had a huge impact. As the staff develop an increasingly positive mind-set, this can only have a positive impact on the children and increased levels of 'happiness'. The work that we have been doing with the children on growth mind-set is also making a huge difference to both children and staff, who are all embracing new challenges with eagerness and positivity.

#### Meet our new Headteacher,



#### **House Point Reward**

The children in the house with the most house points this half term will be going to Millhouses Park on the first Thursday back after the holiday (3rd November) as a reward for the way they have demonstrated our core values. We will have an exciting count in assembly on the first Monday to find out which house it will be!

We will leave after lunch at 1.00pm and be back for the end of the school day. We will need some parent volunteers to accompany us on the trip, so please let Mrs Evans know by email or via the school office if you are able to help.

It should be good fun!

## All Saints Mass

Parents/carers are invited to an All Saints Mass in the school hall on Tuesday 1st November at 2.15pm.

We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.



Please see below an amazing poem written by Esther [Y5], based on the original poem "Jim" by Hilaire Belloc.



#### There Once Was a Girl Named Kim

There once was a girl named Kim, She saw a pool and jumped right in, She swam over to the other side, Glad that she was still alive.

Then she climbed back out again, Tried to dash right through the rain, But oh no, She slipped and fell, Right down a deep water well!

Well that was it, it worked a treat, From then on, Kim was nice and neat, For she remembered the dread she felt, The day she fell right down the well.

For all children, loud and rowdy, This is the moral story, On what happens when you run away, You'll be nicer from that day...

by Esther Y5

## Prayer of the Week

Dear God

I hope that we can have a good half term

and everybody has fun at the Halloween Disco.

Look after the people who are homeless

and also those who are from Syria and the sick.

Amen

By Polly Y5







# Y6 Residential at The Oakes

The Y6's have enjoyed a fantastic few days at the Oakes Centre taking part in team building activities, outdoor games, zorbing, climbing, "mudder" and rafting, as well as an evening campfire.

Mr Marshall especially enjoyed the mudder!



# Parents Evenings

A reminder that Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 7th November 4.00pm—6.00pm and Thursday 10th November 6.00pm—8.00pm.

Please return your appointment request slips as soon as possible.

#### **Pumpkin Competition**

As you can see, there were some fantastic scary carved pumpkins brought into school this morning.

Well done to everyone who took part.

Thank you to the PTA for organising a fantastic Halloween Disco and not forgetting our very own DJ Conway.



# Uniform

Please can parents ensure that all children are wearing correct uniform and footwear. The summer uniform is not to be worn after October half term.

Please see the website for further information:

http://www.stwilfridssheffield.co.uk/school-office/new-school-uniform/

Uniform also needs to be clearly labelled with the child's name as any uniform with a name can easily be returned to a child. Unnamed uniform that is found is placed in the lost property box outside the main entrance.





# Golden Broom Award

Well done to Class Y5 for winning this weeks Golden Broom Award.

Who will win it next time?

