

January 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you again for your support during the first month of our Spring Term. Our children have been busy working at their various topics and we would like to thank parents for helping children at home with their reading and research for topic work. This term we have setup a new online reading resource, which should support our readers more fully with access to greater material from home. We continue to stress the importance of developing children's reading skills as vital in the primary school.

Our front entrance will be in use after February Half Term after the long awaited completion and final sign off by the building inspectors. It has been quite a difficult time for our office staff and Care Club as they have had to negotiate the learning zone entrance for the past months. We are hoping to further improve the school environment by replacing the light fittings in KS2 classes with LED lights. This will also be an energy saving measure.

The school are involved in a project with Staffs County Council to develop a greater awareness of the effects of pollution on our community. An assembly has been held and children will be working on aspects of green travel during Creative Fridays.

Local Community-Samuel Hobson House

There have been lots of smiles & laughs around this afternoon when some children from Year 1 went to visit the Care Home. Residents & children enjoyed taking part in Boogie Beat with Caroline. We listened to the story of The Gingerbread Man through dance, movement & song. Then sung lots of interactive songs with instruments & actions. We can't forget to mention a fun game with a parachute. To show our appreciation for a fun afternoon we took some homemade cupcakes for the residents to enjoy. What a fantastic time spending time with our local community. Miss Fellows & YR1



Welcome to:

We welcome some new staff to our school; **Emily Campbell, Temporary Teacher** working throughout the school, **Julie James** who is covering Y5 Miss Anslows class, **Jessica Waller** Senior Play worker in Care Club, **Grace Hampton** Apprentice in early Years.

We also welcome our new children who have joined us in Nursery.

WELCOME

Care Club

Our Care Club will be open over Half Term from 7.30am-6pm £20 per day. Please bring a packed lunch.

Bikes, scooters & inflatables as well as sparkly craft activities, & Karaoke.



After School Clubs

As well as our ongoing after school clubs we have added Craft, Cookery, Film & Forest School.

'Forest School has begun again, come rain or shine (even snow) we are ready for lots of new adventures & benefits. Our children gain a sense of well being, belonging, confidence, new skills as well as enjoying the outdoors, the space & freedom of the world around them. Forest School is child led, building dens, exploring St Wulstan's Walk, learning about trees, animals, habitats, making potions, tree guardians, wands. There is no such thing as bad weather dressed appropriately nothing stops us' Mrs Price

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th Feb. 6pm Mass St Wulstan's Church led by Year4

Half Term Mon 18th-Fri. 22nd Feb.

Saturday 23rd Feb. 7.30pm CAFOD International Meal St Wulstan's Community Centre (contact Gerry 717311 for tickets)

Monday 25th Feb. Year4 to visit Stanley Head

Tuesday 26th Feb. Year 2 to visit Stanley Head

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday

Thursday 4th April Year 3 to visit Alton Castle Holy Communion Retreat Day

Palm Sunday 14th April

Easter Holiday Mon 15th –26th April

Easter Sunday 21st April

Lesson Study

As part of our commitment to improving the quality of teaching and learning in school, the teaching staff have engaged in a project called Lesson Study. This involves analysing the features of effective lessons and planning a collaborative lesson. This lesson is then delivered by the class teacher whilst other teachers observe and provide feedback.

PTFA

Monday 4th February 6pm St Wulstan's School PTFA Meeting & Extraordinary General Meeting (to elect a new Chair) Please come along to help plan and organise our events for the next few months

