



St Wilfrid's NEWSLETTER

House Points

Well done to St David's house who had their reward this afternoon. This was for getting the most house points last term, showing our core values of respect, faith, effort and aspiration. They had a lovely time watching 'The Secret Life of Pets'.

We'll be counting this term's house points next week. Please make sure if you have any tokens lurking at home they find their way back in to school.

Hallam FM School of the Week

After being nominated by parents of St Wilfrid's, Hallam FM came into school this morning and recorded a group of children and staff for their "School of the Week" slot in their Breakfast Show.

The children had great fun recording this and it will be broadcast next Friday 26th May at approximately 8.00am.



Good Shepherd Appeal

On Tuesday morning, some of our Liturgy leaders went with Mrs Evans to a presentation liturgy at St Marie's Cathedral.

With the other Catholic schools in the Diocese, we took part in a special celebration for Mary and presented the Bishop with a cheque for the money we raised during Lent for the Good Shepherd Appeal.

It was a beautiful service and the children were a credit to the school as always.

Good Work Awards

In our Friday Good News assemblies, we have started to give a certificate to one child from each class to recognise and celebrate extra special effort and achievement.

This week's Good News children were: Reception: Jessica, R/Y1: Sophia, Y1: Ifey, Y2: George, Y2/3: Imogen, Y3/4: Charlie, Y4: Austin, Y5: Sofia, Y5/6: Rebecca, and Y6: Xander.

Well done to all of them!

Taylor Shaw

Start of new spring menus the children loved the beef pasta bolognaise, and treacle bites. The sandwiches which are also now on the menu have gone down really well in choices of pitta breads, wraps and of course the traditional breadcake, a fantastic alternative for those summer days.



Building Confident Parents

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of another successful and enjoyable parenting course! Congratulations to the nine parents who have been attending for the last eight weeks. They have been a wonderful group to work with and the ongoing, positive feedback about the impact of the course has been lovely to hear.

Here are just a few comments from some of the parents.



"The course has been a great way to discuss a variety of parenting challenges and to learn new techniques to tackle these. With the group being limited to only 10 parents, there were plenty of opportunities to share experiences, which lead to discussing support ideas for all. The sessions were very well organised and the activities were fun and lead to much laughter"

"We all want to be good parents. One of the key things this course teaches you is that there is a very distinct difference between being a good parent, and a responsible parent. A responsible parent teaches their children how to be independent, and helps them develop the skills required to make good decisions by themselves, i.e. without needing you to be there all the time to do things for them and to make decisions on their behalf. Obviously this is a gradual and age-appropriate process, but by the time our children go to secondary school they will need to be comfortable and confident with having more independence and self-reliance (e.g. getting to and from school themselves, owning their own mobile phone and using it responsibly, etc.). This change doesn't happen overnight for our children - this course opens your eyes to what's required from us as parents and our role in the family, and provides a number of techniques to help control yourself (e.g. staying calm), and how to positively encourage your children, without the battles!

It's been a lot of fun too, and has help to forge connections with other parents that otherwise would never have happened. The sooner you do this course in your child's life the better!"

The course is really helpful in giving you some ways to approach difficulties in your family, while creating a loving bond with your children at the same time. It is really helpful to have some well defined strategies which you can use to understand what is happening when things aren't going well, and how to respond positively and so that you can respect your children and yourself too.

Don't forget to look out for the next course which will be running in the next academic year. If you have any comments or questions, please get in contact with Mrs McLoughlin.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year will be on Thursday 29th June at the English Institute of Sport. We would be grateful to receive a voluntary contribution of £3 per child, via Parentpay, to help cover the cost of this venue.

Look out for further information about day nearer the time.



Golden Broom

Well done to Reception class with being awarded this weeks Golden Broom.

Good luck everyone next week.



Head Lice

Head lice have reared their ugly heads again. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

Thank you.



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