



St Wilfrid's

# NEWSLETTER

## Expansion Consultation

The Trustees of the Diocese have given the Governing Body permission to begin a consultation period regarding the potential expansion of St Wilfrid's Primary School from 45 places to 60 places.

### **Why are we considering expansion?**

There is a high demand for Catholic places in this area of Sheffield, which has meant that a number of Catholic children have not been offered a place in a Catholic school for three years running in the two Umbrella schools.

St Wilfrid's has been operating a model of mixed classes however this presents challenges with the National Curriculum 2014 because it is mastery curriculum based on year group expectations.

The workload of class teachers of mixed classes can be higher than those of single year group classes.

The move from 45 to 60 places is not as significant as 30 to 60.

St Wilfrid's has a large site with extensive outdoor spaces.

### **What are the key considerations?**

In order to increase from 45 to 60 places, St Wilfrid's would need four additional classrooms with toilet and cloakroom facilities. This would involve applying to the Education Funding Agency through the Condition Improvement Fund.

As part of the expansion project, other areas of school would also need to be considered to ensure appropriate circulation, dining space, kitchen provision and access to outdoor space, etc.

It is likely that any building project of this size would need to be completed in phases.

This would be an opportunity to recruit several new members of staff.

There would be a number of associated challenges, such as parking outside of school, which would need to be explored.

The timescale would be dictated by the success or failure of the Condition Improvement Fund application, which would mean that the earliest the school could realistically admit its first 60 Reception children would be September 2019 and this would continue over a four year period until the school reached its new capacity.

This is a significant consideration for the Governing Body therefore we would encourage all stakeholders to share their comments or feelings.

Please email [enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk) with the subject 'expansion'.

## Non Uniform Day in Return for Christmas Fayre Donations

Friday 8th December is non uniform day in return for prize donations for the Christmas fayre and disco on Monday 11th December, 5.00pm till 7.00pm.

Please see below details of the donations needed for the fayre and disco. Please bring them to the tables outside the main entrance next Friday.

Reception R/Y1 Y1/2	<i>A box of chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola.</i>
Y2 Y2/3 Y3/Y4 Y4	<i>A present for Wrap a present stall</i>
Y5 Y5/6 Y6	<i>Bottle of Wine, beer, spirit or soft drink for the Bottle Tombola.</i>

Many thanks for your support



### Christmas Mass

Due to circumstances beyond our control the date for the Christmas Mass has been changed. This will now take place on Thursday 21st December at 9.30am in the school hall.

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

### The Victorious Vikings!

On Friday 8th December Y4 and Y5 classes are holding a Victorious Vikings event to celebrate their work and will showcase a short musical performance in the school hall, 3.30pm till 4.30pm.

The PTA are kindly providing cheese, wine and soft drinks for the occasion.



## Prayer of the Week

We pray for the people who had hurricanes  
and we hope everyone survives

We pray that they find a home and family

Lord hear us

Amen

Amanda Y2/3



## Epilepsy and Movember Non Uniform Day

Well done to Hollie, Isabella and Eleanor for organising the non-uniform day on Thursday.

We are delighted to say that we raised **£150.09** which will be split equally between the Epilepsy Society and Movember Mens Cancer Charity.

Thank you for your support for these worthy causes.

## School Driveway and Car Park

Please remember that the school driveway and car park is for staff and visitors only. Please do not drive down the drive or park in the car park if you are dropping your child off at school.

Thank you for your co-operation



## Focus Group

As you know, we have high standards for behaviour at St Wilfrid's, based on our core values of faith, effort, aspiration and respect. We would like to gather the views of parents/carers on how we promote positive behaviour at the moment and how we could build on and improve our behaviour policy and procedures.

We would like to set up a focus group for interested parents/carers. The first meeting is likely to be from 2pm until the end of the school day on either Monday 11th or Tuesday 12th December. If you would like to be involved, please give the office your name and email address by Wednesday 6th December.

If you are interested, but can't make either of those dates, please tell the office, and we will aim to set up another meeting early in the New Year.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Smith and Mrs Goodchild