

Newsletter

St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School



Saint Nicholas Owen
Catholic Multi-Academy Company



As a Catholic school, St Wulstan's seeks to enable each child to walk in faith with Christ, loving Him and each other. With the help of our families, our parish and our local community, we will do our best to use the gifts that God has given us to make our world a richer place.

14 February 2020

Dear Parents

The long awaited and much prepared for 'Motown' Pyramid Concert finally arrived yesterday and it was fabulous! This year, Year 5 children from across the Hagley Pyramid of schools were celebrating 'Motown' and each school showcased one popular song before all joining together to sing several disco songs as one large choir. Our song was 'Please Mr Postman' which the children sang beautifully. The evening could justifiably be described as spectacular and whilst I must admit to being slightly biased, I did feel that St Wulstan's children were notable by their beautiful singing, enthusiasm, smart appearance and exemplary behaviour! I would like to congratulate all the children and thank all the families, staff and Academy Representatives who went to the Town Hall to support our children. The children have worked exceptionally hard for this event under the guidance of Mr Mallinson, Mrs Freitas, Mrs Mallinson, and Mrs Mound. This is always a lovely opportunity to celebrate together and for the children to meet children from other feeder schools who may one day become lifelong friends when they transfer to high school! Well done children - it was a night to remember for everyone!

The Pyramid concert has been running for ten years now and it was lovely to see so many past pupils still taking part, now as Hagley students, clearly wanting to be part of an event that was so memorable to them from their Year 5 days. Thank you to everyone for all the wonderful feedback which we have shared with our Year 5 stars!

Thank you to the PTA who organized a lovely Cake Sale treat for the children on Tuesday and to our Year 3 and Year 4 parents. Our mums all commented on how polite and appreciative the children were and how they so enjoyed the treat. A fabulous profit was raised for PTA funds. Money now building for developing KS1 playground equipment. Our thanks to everyone.

It has been an exceptionally busy half term for every class but with so much fun and enjoyment in their learning.

Thank you to all the parents and who joined us for our Reception Class Tea Party this week. It was such a lovely opportunity for the children to share their learning with their parents and grandparents. The photographs below indicate the fun the children have had and the progress they have made through this term's topic on 'Fairy Tales'. Well done Reception class we are very proud of you all.

Yesterday afternoon, having 'mislaid' Year 1 I found them outside launching rockets into space as they brought their Space topic to a thrilling end! There was great excitement and cheering as the rocket seemed determined to land on the school roof at every opportunity. A fabulous way to learn science. Year 2 today have celebrated their Class Saint, St Valentine. Their focus has been on love and compassion and the impact this has on everyone around us. Ask your children about the whale story Mrs Tasker read to them – they loved it!

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Year 3 have also invited their families into school today to share their learning on Greek mythology. Thank you to all our families for this support, sharing their learning helps the children to grow in confidence as they develop their presentation skills and they love you coming in! Year 4 are already planning their next topic 'Blue Abyss', please look out for a letter in your child's book bag. Their culmination of learning will end with a trip to the Sea Life Centre where the term's learning will come together in reality as they study the creatures and features of the natural world and the world beneath the surface. As you will be aware once a week the children in every class take responsibility for leading their class in worship. Yesterday, Year 6 invited Reception Class to their class worship in the hall. The room was still and calm, lit by candles and music playing. The older children led prayer and had prepared activities appropriate for our little ones. They worked together, totally independent of any adult help, they were purely observers. It was lovely to witness the maturity of our Year 6 and the warm, protective relationship they have with our youngest children. Well done and thank you Year 6.

We have had a fabulous response to our new skipping club, starting on the first Wednesday after half term. The Skipping Day held in the autumn term certainly ignited the children's minds as traditional skipping games have become so popular at playtimes and it is lovely to see.

Work is well underway on the installation of the playground Trim Trail. It will be completed over the holiday and will be ready for use as soon as the children return from half term. Again our thanks to all families for their generosity in supporting the PTA fundraising events which has enabled us to purchase this in times of such woefully tight school budgets. After the half term break, on 7 March, the whole school will participate in 'World Book Day' by dressing up as book characters. This is always an exciting day in school and I am sure this year will be no exception. Your child has already brought home a letter from Mrs Tasker outlining the event as this year every class will dress up in relation to the class text they are reading this term. We hope that by giving plenty of warning it will enable you to have time to organise costumes over half term. The school Book Fair will also be in school hall that week so the children will be able to use their World Book Day voucher. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is now well underway in Year 3. Dates have been set for parents meetings. Please check the website for the times and dates.

Parents' evening dates have been set for Tuesday 3 March 4.00pm -7.00pm and Wednesday 4 March 5.00 -7.00pm. Please book an appointment via the School life app. For Year 6 parents you will have been notified by then of your child's place at High school. For those children moving onto Hagley, Mr Miastowski will be attending the Tuesday evening Parents Evening. This will give you an opportunity to meet with him on a one to one basis. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Finally, a reminder that our next School Mass at church is at 10.00 am on Sunday 29 March. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Squires in Fr Richard's absence. We would wish the school to be a very strong presence at this Mass to read and to sing. Further details will be sent out after half term. We encourage and welcome all families, Catholic and non Catholic to attend as part of our school and parish community.

We hope you have a lovely half term break with your children and look forward to seeing you on our return to school on Monday 24 February. Thank you for all your ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated by all the staff.

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