Dear Parents and Carers

Well it’s been a very full week with very many highlights to report. Pupils are coping pretty well with the heat and have (somehow) managed to get on well with their school work. Well done to them.

On Tuesday evening we celebrated the Personal Project Awards and Father Rick presented trophies and certificates to all the entrants. Of the twenty one entries, seven gold awards were made with the remaining fourteen receiving silver awards. Well done to all those pupils who presented their project.

Sports Day- a great success!

One of the highlights of the week was our school sports day which took place on Wednesday. Pupils were magnificent and jumped, threw and ran with utter determination and commitment. We were so proud of them all. Most importantly of all, there was a wonderful sporting spirit and it was a joy to see all pupils encouraging each other and congratulating each other after successes and effort. A big well done to the winning house of St Edwards who just narrowly beat St Luke’s by three points. The four houses were only twelve points apart after the final scores! Well done to all our pupils and a big thank you to parents and carers and family members who came along to support. Special thanks also goes to the brilliant sports leaders from St Paul’s, the Friends for the refreshments, Mr Easton for the PA system, Andrew and Jack and all the school staff. Special thanks must go to Mrs Watts for coordinating the whole event and for ensuring that everything ran so smoothly. It really was a great day!

First Holy Communion Mass and Tea

On Thursday Year 3 pupils, parents and staff gathered for a lovely Mass celebrated by Father Rick and Father Trevor. Father Rick spoke about the importance of Communion and how this is also about being together. We all enjoyed a lovely tea afterwards courtesy of Year 3 parents. Thank you!
Thank you also to Mr Simpson for the musical accompaniment as always.

Music Concerts on Monday and Friday

A number of musicians in the school entertained us on Friday afternoon performing some of the pieces that the have been working on with their music teachers. Well done to them and also to the brilliant key board players who performed for the whole school at the start of the week. Thank you to Mrs Frost for organising Friday’s concert.

Social Media- safety advice for parents

The very popular social media app Snapchat has introduced ‘Snap Maps’ and was promoted as a "new way to explore the world". This update allows video clips and photos that members have posted publicly to now be discovered on the map. Members who have chosen to share their location can also be seen on the map by those they have added as "friends".

Snap Map lets people search for places such as schools and see videos and pictures posted by children at these locations. Worryingly, it also lets people locate their "friends" on a map that is accurate enough to determine where people live.

If your child uses Snapchat I recommend you adjust their settings to Ghost mode which means that only the user can see their own location.

For more information about how to change the settings please go to:

Security

This week the senior leaders and admin team met to review the school’s security. You may have already noticed this week the gates to the school office have now been set to be permanently locked at all times. Before they were open during drop off and pick up times but this left the school very vulnerable to any visitors accessing the office. You will now need to always ring the buzzer and clearly state who you and who you are coming to visit.

Also, the school’s lockdown policy will be issued early next term and from September lockdown drills will be practised along with termly fire drills.

Parking

We have had numerous car registrations reported to us this week. The following cars have either been parked round by the brow or at Martin House which is private property.

- GY15 PLJ (twice this week!)
- GY65 GME
- VO11 BHZ
- GU61 XZJ

We will continue to publish registrations in the newsletter and when the car owner is known I will make direct contact with them.

New parking permits for 2017/18 will be emailed home to parents today to use from September. Remember, this allows you to park for free in the multi storey car park, Civic Way, Cyprus Road car park and/or Station Road car park, Station Road between the times of 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm Monday-Friday term time only. These car parks are all short walking distance from school.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Angela O’Hara
Important Dates:

St Pauls’ Intake Evening for Year 6 parents - 10th July 5.30pm

KS2 Swimming Gala (Year 3, 4 & 5 only) - 11th July (remember swimming kit!)

Year 6 Production 12th/13th July – 7pm

Leavers Mass Monday 17th July 2.00pm

Sports Awards Assembly 18th July 9.30am

‘Meet the Teacher’ for pupils - 19th July 9.45am (We will inform you who your child’s new class teacher will be by next Friday)

Leavers Assembly Friday 21st July 1.30pm (end of term for pupils)

INSET DAYS 2016-17

Monday 24th/Tuesday 25th July 2017 (these dates tie in with St Paul’s College

INSET DAYS 2017-18

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 24th November 2017 (ties in with St Pauls)

Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th July 2018

Check the school website for all term dates for next academic year. Please remember that holidays should not be taken during term time and will not be authorised. Thank you

Friends of St Wilfrid’s update.....

Sports Day

Thank you very much to all of the volunteers who helped to serve refreshments at Sports Day on Wednesday and to all the parents and carers who kindly made generous donations. The drinks were very much appreciated in the hot weather!

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The FoSW will be holding their last Second Hand Uniform Sale of the school year this afternoon. Please come along to the Rainbow Room from 3.15 – 3.45pm to find a bargain or two and to help raise funds for the school.

FoSW Disco

Summer Term Discos will take place on Wednesday 19th July. The Foundation & KS1 disco will take place from 5.30pm until 6.30pm and cost £2.50. The KS 2 disco will take place from 7pm until 8pm and entry will cost £3. We have been overwhelmed by volunteer support for the KS2 disco and we now have enough for this event. Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered – we will be in touch with more details nearer to the time. We still need some more volunteers for the KS1 disco though so please let us know via the Facebook pleas or via email if you can help us out. Thanks.

Upcoming events:

7th July - Summer Concert – teas/coffees/soft drinks. Drinks will be provided for donations – thank you.

12th July - Year 6 production – cold drinks, wines, beers, ciders & soft drinks available before the show and at the interval. Drinks will be provided for donations – thank you.

13th July - Year 6 production – cold drinks, wines, beers, ciders & soft drinks available before the show and at the interval. Drinks will be provided for donations – thank you.

The AGM will be held on 25th September at 7pm at school. Please come along if you are interested in what we do or if you have some new ideas to share.

Many thanks
Reminders/Information from the school office:

Vacancy- Cleaner:

We are currently looking for an evening cleaner. The hours of duty will be 6.00pm to 9.00pm for either 3 or 5 days a week (job share/part time work considered). You will need to be reliable, trustworthy, hardworking and able to fully support the ethos of the school. Further details and application form can be requested by email office@stwilfridsbh.org.uk or telephone 01444 235254 or via the vacancies page on the website.

Netball-

In Year 3?
Live in Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath or surrounding villages? Want to find out about netball?

Join us for a FREE Netball Taster Session at the Triangle Leisure Centre

Date: Sunday 23rd July (Morning)

Sessions will be active and lots of fun

If you have a daughter who is currently in Y3 and would like to have a go at netball, please go to www.midsussexnetball.org.uk "contact us" and fill in the online Taster Session form

We will get back to you to let you know which session you have been allocated.

Places are limited, so don’t delay! We look forward to meeting you.

Any queries, please contact us
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