St Wilfrid's CE Primary School 24 July 2018 Newsletter

The summer holidays arrive and another year at St Wilfrid's comes to a close. We say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 who have been a credit to the school and we wish them all the best for their futures.

Also, a big thank you to all the staff for their dedication and hard work this year and we hope they enjoy a well-deserved break before they return in September. Thank you to the governors of the school as well, who have worked hard to ensure the school continues to improve.

Finally, thank you all for your continued support and I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

KS2 National Curriculum Tests.

At the end of Key Stage 2, the children in year 6 across the country all sit tests in Reading, Maths and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling). They are also assessed in writing. This year the year 6 achieved 71% in Reading, Writing and Maths combined compared to the national of 64%. The scores in Reading and Maths were well above the National and we are very proud of their achievements.

Schools Games Mark



I am delighted to announce the school has been awarded the National Platinum School Games Mark, the highest it is possible to achieve. This is awarded to schools who offer a high number of opportunities to a wide range of pupils to engage in physical activities, competitions and festivals. Mike Hart, Mid Sussex Active, spoke of, 'the astonishing commitment to fostering a love of being physically active which St Wilfrid's are working hard to instil in the children.'

Thank you to the children and staff, especially Mr Belton, for their dedication to achieving this award.

VICTORIA CROSS COMMEMORATION SERVICE & LAYING OF MEMORIAL STONE IN HONOUR OF SGT. ARTHUR KNIGHT VC

On Sunday 2nd September 2018 at 2.00pm at The War Memorial, Muster Green, the town is commemorating one of St Wilfrid's ex pupils, Sgt Arthur Knight, who was awarded the Victoria Cross in the First World War and is remembered on our memorial in school. We have been invited to lay a wreath on behalf of the school and Betty and Maya are joining me to do so. If you would like to come along and support the event you are more than welcome.

Diary Dates

Sunday 2 September
Wednesday 5 September
Tuesday 11 September
Wednesday 12 September
Thursday 11 October
Wednesday 14 November

2pm Muster Green War Memorial Commemoration Autumn term begins 3.30-4.30pm Hot school meal taster session 3.30-4.15pm Meet your child's teacher New Entrant Open Morning New Entrant Open Morning

Inset Days

Monday 3 September 2018 Tuesday 4 September 2018 Friday 19 October 2018 Monday 29 October 2018 Monday 25 February 2019





Golf Day

All children in the school recently got the chance to take part in a golf day run by Brighton Junior Golf.

Using their portable course, the children enjoyed learning some new skills as they worked their way round the six different holes.

Dodging trees, water and bunkers; it was impressive to see the progress the children made in such a short period of time.



Niamh said: "I do the after school club every Friday and I really enjoy it".

"I enjoyed trying a new sport and working together with my friends," said Sam.

Some of our year four children also did an incredible job in supporting some of the younger children.









New sports kit for St Wilfrid's!

After a very successful season in which our boys' team won the Haywards Heath and Area tournaments before finishing runners-up in the County Finals; we are delighted to announce that we have been kindly sponsored by Switch gym. The donation from owner Mr Patch has allowed us to buy a new kit that can be used by children across the school in a range of sports next year.



We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Patch and Switch Gym.







Year 3, 4 and 5 Area Athletics

A large group of Year 3, 4 and 5 children have recently taken part in the local area athletics competition.

All children had to partake in a 50m sprint, 400m run, howler throw, broad jump and bean bag pick up race.

The children did an excellent job in searing heat and came fifth overall. There were lots of individual successes throughout the day with many first, second and third place finishes.

Special mention must go to the year five team who came third as a year group. Also, special mention to Siobhan, Freddie and Kirsten who came first in their individual section.

"We had a fun time competing against other schools," said Barney. Emily said: "It gave us all the opportunity to compete against others. I really enjoyed the 400m and was pleased to come third."

The members of the squad for this tournament were: Poppy, Emily, Siobhan, Kirsten, Freddie, Barney, Samuel, Edward, Jack, Henry, Linus, Sam, Emma, Molly, Emily, Amelie, Cohen, Fraser, Leo, Joseph, Abi, Bella, Evie and Abi.

Mid Sussex Active Awards

We are delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded a sports award by our local partners Mid Sussex Active.

Each year Mid Sussex Active organises and runs a number of events across Mid Sussex for all primary schools in a range of sports.

At the end of the year they hold an award ceremony to celebrate the range of success within all schools in Sussex.

This year, we have been awarded the 'Playing the Part' award. We have been given this award as we are the school who has given children the opportunity to take part in the widest range of sports.

We would like to thank all the children and staff who have made this possible. We would also like to thank all the parents that have transported children and therefore helped to make this award possible.





Year 6 Area Athletics

Last Wednesday, 20 Year 6 children took part in Area Athletics at Harlands. In a slight format change, it was the first time the Year 6 children took part individually as a year group.

The event kicked off with the 600m and saw St. Wilf's complete a boys 1/2 with Charlie and George finishing first and second.

The children then took part in their field and track events including a 70m sprint, bean bag pick up, broad jump, long jump, triple jump, speed skipping, howler throw and chest push.

All of the children did an incredible job with many first, second and third place finishes. Special mention to Nathan, Tallulah and Tom who all won their races. The afternoon finished with the $4 \times 50m$ relay races. All the children taking part again did a brilliant job with the boys 'A' team winning their race. This wide range of success meant that the children came an impressive third matching their year group finish from last year.

Jess said: "I enjoyed doing all the sports even though I didn't win a race." "I came third in the long jump which was a good experience and achievement. It was a great achievement to finish third overall as a school," said George.

The members of the squad for this tournament were: George, Charlie, Nathan, Max, Peter, Jake, Ollie, Aidan, Tom, Leo, Ruby, Ella, Tallulah, Jess, Erin, Emily, Lily, Olivia, Sienna and Blanka.

Year 5 / 6 Girls Cricket

A group of year 5 and 6 girls recently took part in a Kwik Cricket tournament at Ansty Cricket Club.

The girls had a brilliant time and played some excellent cricket. They showed great sportsmanship and further developed their skills throughout the afternoon. We started off by beating Manor Field in out opening game. This was followed by a narrow defeat to Harlands before we won our final game against Lindfield. This win and a positive run rate meant that the girls finished third which was a fantastic achievement.

Ella said: "It was a great achievement to come third and it was really fun. "It was fun to compete against a friend from another school," said Siobhan.

The members of the squad for this tournament were: Poppy, Emily, Siobhan, Ella, Ella, Ruby, Jess and Megan.





Year 4 Stool Ball Festival

Last Tuesday, a group of Year 4 children had a fantastic afternoon at a stool ball festival. For lots of us this was the first time that we had played so it was great to learn new rules and skills.

We really enjoyed playing different matches against other schools and Miss Thouless was incredibly impressed with how much we improved over the afternoon and our brilliant sportsmanship.

The team members for this festival were: Dexter, Rhys, Oliver, Fifi, Alice, Ellie, Tilly and Lois.

