



# St Wilfrid's School Newsletter



January 2019

## CAROL SERVICE & PRIZE GIVING



A fantastic evening spent celebrating the successes of the last academic year.

We were treated to an impressive nativity by the Lower School, 'The Little Soldier'.

Our guest presenter was renowned poet Lawrence Sail, who set two riddles for us to solve (well done to those who did!).

We were then able to celebrate the academic success of 2017 – 2018 and were delighted to award a raft of prizes.

Festivities concluded back at St Wilfrid's with mulled wine, mince pies and the school raffle.

# SWIMMING GALA



Congratulations to Raleigh on winning the school swimming gala.

A very close event, with the final result coming down to the Year 10 & 11 freestyle relay.

1st – **RALEIGH 220 points**

2nd – **DRAKE 218 points**

3rd – **SCOTT 154 points**

# Josie



When Josie, my 16 year old daughter, lost her hair during her GCSEs this was the last thing I expected. Josie was 4 when first diagnosed with Alopecia - an auto immune condition that causes hair loss. As a small child she lost and gained hair regularly but we always managed to cover it. Then, earlier this year, she lost too much hair to cover. She reluctantly chose to wear a wig as she felt uncomfortable with the stares that patchy hair loss inevitably engenders. Wearing a wig meant giving up dance as the damn things just don't stay put under duress - a shame as last summer she managed to get through to the All England Finals with her dance school. I was waiting for the justifiable meltdown. It never came. Instead, as a surprise, she conspired with the lovely Amy from Charles Academy of Dance, and this is the result.

When asked about it she simply said, "I have Alopecia whether I like it or not. I have two choices - live trying to hide it and pretend it doesn't exist, or do something about it. I have a chance to help people. I want to take it."

"Your differences are what make you strong. They are what make you who you are. Never be embarrassed to be true to yourself"

Please help raise awareness by sharing. Thanks.

Please view our the St Wilfrid's School facebook page for the full video of Josie's dance.

<https://www.facebook.com/StWilfridsSchool/>

# Music at St Wilfrid's

## Christopher Wells - Piano, singing & brass

Whether your child would like to learn for the first time, or improving on existing skills, in either brass, piano, organ or voice, I would be very happy to teach them on a weekly basis at school.

Lessons will be fitted into the school day, or where more a longer lesson is preferred (this is suggested for children taking grades 5 and above), alternative provision can be made to ensure extra-curricular riches do not come at the expense of curricular gaps. The price of half an hour's tuition is £15.

To express interest please email, write or call Christopher.

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## Sam Felton - Drums (South West Percussion)

Sam is an experienced drummer and orchestral percussionist who has been teaching the drums for over seven years, and has a proven track record of delivering a high standard of drum kit tuition, whilst keeping lessons enjoyable for students of all ages.

Drum kit lessons are delivered on a 1 to 1 basis and cost £15 for a 30 minute lesson. Lessons take place on Wednesday's on a weekly basis during school time, and your child will be sent for when it is their lesson time. We aim to deliver 10 lessons each term, and these will be invoiced for at the start of each term.

You can sign up online at [www.southwestpercussion.co.uk/signup](http://www.southwestpercussion.co.uk/signup)

**If you would like more information please email [info@southwestpercussion.co.uk](mailto:info@southwestpercussion.co.uk)**

# House Competitions

	<b>DRAKE</b>	<b>RALEIGH</b>	<b>SCOTT</b>
<b>CREDITS - AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>SWIMMING GALA</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>584</b>

## Operation Encompass

**St Wilfrid's School has committed to joining Operation Encompass.**

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with the school's trained Key Adult (Mr Bovingdon) prior to the start of the school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

Children experiencing domestic abuse are negatively impacted by this exposure ; domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience and can lead to emotional, physical and psychological harm.

Operation Encompass aims to mitigate this harm by enabling immediate support, making a child's day better and giving them a better tomorrow.

Operation Encompass believes that children are victims of domestic abuse in their own right and should be acknowledged as such.

For further details, please click on the link:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

# PTFA

Dear Parents,

I would just like to thank you all again for the support you have given the PTFA both in raising funds and supporting events.

Looking forward, we now have the agility play equipment for the playground which will go up once the ground is softer, We will also be planning some planting to enhance the playground area generally with the possibility of a willow tunnel and are still raising funds for line painting which is looking to be quite expensive!

In addition we are looking to purchase the following for this term.

Outdoor notice board to go by the school gates - once we have worked out where to put it and how to attach!

Video flip cameras for use by the children.

More lego! This is a great opportunity to offload all your excess lego and any donations will be gratefully expected. We are also looking into purchasing some lego robotics as a valuable educational tool.

Fundraising is going well and we now have the following as ongoing fundraising activities.

1. Coins for cash. We are very close to being able to send in a full bucket so should get some return on this soon.
2. Recycling ink cartridges.
3. Bags to school. The next collection will be sometime in the spring. The scheme provides bags but will also accept other large plastic bags so you can start filling them now!
4. Easyfundraising. This is a scheme through which many major online stores donate money to a percentage of your online purchases. You can sign up to this without any commitment via the following link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stwifredpftaxe>

I hope you all have a good term and I will give another update in the next newsletter. You can also follow are activities on our facebook group St Wilfrid's School PTFA.

With best wishes

Mrs Tabor - Chair of St Wilfrid's School PTFA

# St David's Church

## News from St. David's Parish – Spring Term 2019

A very happy new year to St. Wilfrid's school staff, parents, and pupils from the clergy and people of St. David's Parish. It was great to welcome some of you to our Christmas services, including the always fun but somewhat chaotic 'Christingle with scratch nativity service' on Christmas eve. Your own production of the 'Little Soldier' was a triumph!

In 2005, the community of St. Wilfrid's gifted many of their vestments to St. Michael and All Angels' church, Mt. Dinham (the district church in our parish). These are among the finest vestments worn at St. Mike's in the Christmas and Epiphany seasons. St. Wilfrid's School is especially close to our hearts in worship when we clergy wear these special clothes beautifully embroidered with love. **Our St. Wilfrid's Easter Eucharist will be held at St. Mike's this year – save the date: Thursday 4th April at 2.00pm**

As a new term begins, we naturally look both backwards and forwards. Back to what we have accomplished, to what we have left undone, and to our failures or disappointments. We can easily become focused upon grades not achieved, or friendships that have broken. It's important to recognise the reality of our own history is more than mere achievement or brokenness. To grow into the person God has called is to be – fully alive and glorious – we must look to the past with gratitude. Thereby we are freed to embrace the unknown opportunities for achievement and gifts of healing that have been prepared for us in the term ahead.

We look forward to leading our usual weekly assemblies, and hopefully offering Confirmation Classes if we have sufficient interest. Please let Mr Bovingdon know if you're curious and want to know more...

We pray courage and kindness upon you in this Spring Term.

Preb. Nigel Guthrie and Revd. Christopher Durrant



# UNIFORM

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mid grey trousers (not black)</li> <li>■ Grey long or short sleeved shirt</li> <li>■ School tie</li> <li>■ School pullover</li> <li>■ Black or dark grey socks</li> <li>■ Black leather shoes (not trainer type, fabric or with logos)</li> <li>■ School blazer</li> <li>■ Black school waterproof/fleece</li> <li>■ Hats, scarves, gloves etc black or dark green (no logos)</li> <li>■ Mid grey shorts (<b>NOT CARGO SHORTS</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pleated grey skirt-Upper School</li> <li>■ Pleated grey pinafore-Lower School</li> <li>■ Lilac shirt</li> <li>■ School tie</li> <li>■ School pullover - Marks &amp; Spencers</li> <li>■ Black tights or ankle socks (<b>NOT TRAINER SOCKS</b>)</li> <li>■ Black flat leather shoes</li> <li>■ School blazer</li> <li>■ Black school waterproof/fleece</li> <li>■ Hats, scarves, gloves etc black or dark green (no logos)</li> </ul>

PE KIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ School Tracksuit</li> <li>■ School sports polo shirt</li> <li>■ School rugby shirt</li> <li>■ Football boots</li> <li>■ <b>PLAIN black</b> shorts</li> <li>■ <b>PLAIN black</b> pleated skirt or shorts (girls)</li> <li>■ White trainer socks</li> <li>■ <b>PLAIN black</b> LONG socks</li> <li>■ Sports' trainers</li> </ul> <p>All kit must be clearly marked with white initials and stored in a drawstring bag.</p>



ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



MR BOVINGDON

MRS BOVINGDON

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

# Forthcoming Events

Monday 14th January - PTFA meeting 3.45pm - 4.15pm  
Thursday 17th January - U11 Football Vs St John's (away)  
Monday 28th January - Friday 8th February - Year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations  
Tuesday 29th January - U15 Basketball Vs Bramdean (St Luke's, Exeter University)  
Thursday 31st January - U11 Netball Vs Bramdean (away)  
Tuesday 5th February - Safer Internet Day  
Tuesday 5th February - U15 Football Vs Bramdean (away)  
Wednesday 6th February - Lower school parents evening 4pm  
Thursday 14th February - Year 11 Parents and Pupil evening 4pm  
Friday 15th February - Staff INSET - no pupils  
Friday 15th February - Monday 25th February - Half term  
Monday 25th February - PTFA meeting 3.45pm - 4.15pm  
Tuesday 26th February - U15 Volleyball Vs Bramdean (away)  
Tuesday 5th March - U15 Netball Vs Bramdean (away)  
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (lower school)  
Thursday 7th March - U11 Netball Vs St John's & U15 Netball Vs St John's (away)  
Tuesday 12th March - Year 8 Options Evening 4pm  
Thursday 14th March - U9 Football Vs Bramdean (away)  
Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day  
Monday 18th March - Year 9 Vaccinations (Exeter School)  
Tuesday 19th March - U15 Basketball Vs Bramdean (St Luke's, Exeter University)  
Thursday 21st March - U15 Football Vs St John's (away)  
Thursday 28th March - Whole school PATS Day  
Thursday 4th April - Easter Eucharist at St Michael's Church 2pm  
Friday 5th April - Non-uniform day - Break up at 12.00pm for Easter Holidays

Link to the school calendar

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=c3R3aWxmcmllkc2Nob29sQGdtYWlsLmNvbQ>

# Breakfast Club

Open every day and welcome to all

8.00am - 8.30am

£2 per session

Held in the lower school kitchen

# After school club

Open every day and available to lower school pupils

3.30pm - 4.00pm

£3 per session

Held in the lower school - snacks provided

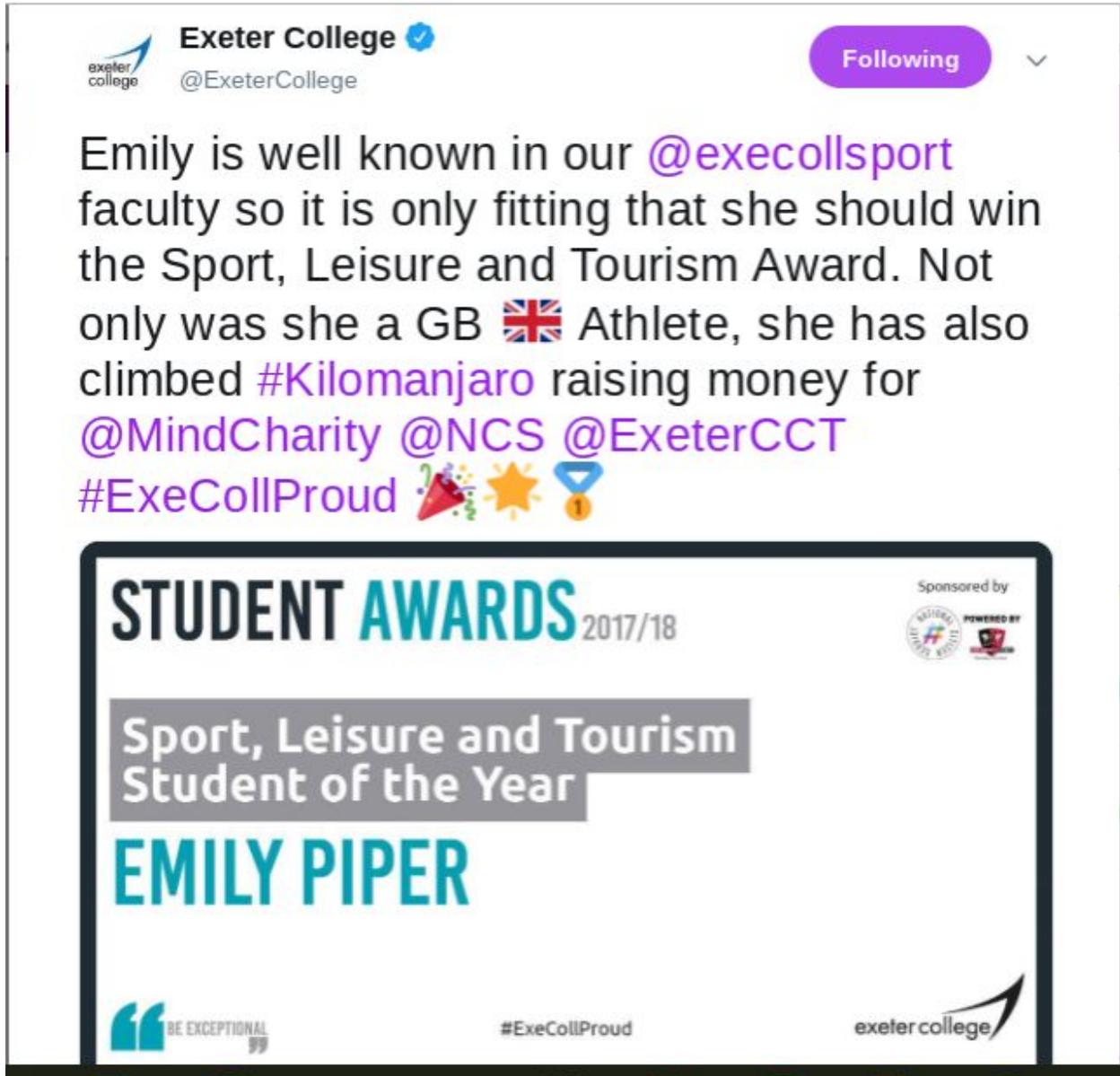
# Second hand uniform store

A big thank you to all of you who have donated to our second hand uniform shop which is starting to look fairly well stocked!

Please do check out the list of items available which is now up on the schools website. If you would like to purchase any items please contact me - Kirsty Tabor at [mrstabor@stwilfrids.devon.sch.uk](mailto:mrstabor@stwilfrids.devon.sch.uk)

Money from all purchases goes towards the PTFA which is currently raising funds for the playground.

# Congratulations to ex-pupil, Emily Piper



**Exeter College**     
@ExeterCollege

Emily is well known in our [@execollsport](#) faculty so it is only fitting that she should win the Sport, Leisure and Tourism Award. Not only was she a GB  Athlete, she has also climbed [#Kilomanjaro](#) raising money for [@MindCharity](#) [@NCS](#) [@ExeterCCT](#) [#ExeCollProud](#)   

**STUDENT AWARDS** 2017/18 

**Sport, Leisure and Tourism  
Student of the Year**

**EMILY PIPER**