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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

A wonderful start to the new academic year!

A sincere thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting your children in their return or brand new start to the school year. Children have arrived on time and look very smart in their uniform. It has been a short week, only four days but already, it has been a very purposeful and exciting time. The children across the school have settled really well into their new classes and I feel very proud to be the Headteacher of St. William's School, the very BEST role I have ever had. I must make a special mention to our youngest pupils, those in Ash Class, who have started school for the first time. Congratulations, to all of them and of course the staff team in Ash and you, their parents/carers.

Safeguarding: Keeping Children Safe

All staff in school, irrespective of their role, have a statutory duty to keep all children safe. It is something that we take very seriously. Attendance and Punctuality is part of the safeguarding of pupils and when a pupil is absent we are legally bound to find out where that pupil is. I appreciate those parents who always contact us on the first day of absence. If we do not have a sighting of a pupil for 3 days we have a legal responsibility to make Home Visits. Therefore, please do not feel that you are personally targeted if staff from school appear at your door, when your son/daughter is absent, even if you have contacted us with a reason. Therefore, it is vital that all contact details are accurate and if you change address or your phone number(s) you must inform the school immediately. Holidays during term time are not allowed and I politely remind you to make sure you have an accurate Holiday List. The Local Authority will issue you with a fine if you take holidays in term time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pupil Voice

This year we want to encourage and provide as many different opportunities for our pupils. One thing in particular, is the choice of After School Clubs. As a result, we will be organising a range of such activities in the coming weeks and after consultation with the children. Pupils will be taking various leadership roles around the school and already many of them have applied for positions as School Librarians, Playground Buddies etc. Our School Councillors will be part of the interviewing process for these roles.

Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe

Your child may have mentioned, that in school, we have three very simple rules to follow that are integral to 'Christ at our Heart' and the Core Virtues: Love, Respect, Kindness and Learning. New reward systems have been introduced and I hope you will be able to attend weekly Achievement Assemblies to celebrate our amazing pupils!

Dates for your diary:

08/09/19	Education Mass at 11am at St. William's Church
10/09/19	Whole School Mass at 10.00am at St William's Church, you are welcome to join us.
11/09/19	Class newsletters will be sent home with information about what your child will be learning this half term
19/09/19	School Photographs – Full school uniform to be worn.
27/09/19	08.45am McMillan Coffee Morning more details to follow
04/10/19	CAFOD Family Fast Day Fundraising event – lead by our Mini Vinnies
04/10/19	Harvest Festival Assembly you are welcome to join us at 2.45pm in the school hall.
08/11/19	Whole School Flu Immunisations.

Whole School Welcome Mass

Next Tuesday, 10th September at **10am**, Fr Michael will celebrate Mass, for Y1 – Y6 pupils, at **St William's Church**, to start our new academic year. All of our pupils' families are invited to join us for this special occasion.

Attendance & Punctuality

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts! Be in the line for ten to nine!



This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through lateness
ASH	98.0	0	0
OAK	85.8	3	1hr 31mins
PINE	91.7	0	0
BEECH	96.0	0	0
LIME	99.5	4	2hrs 7mins
HOLLY	100	0	0
Overall school %	94.5%		

If your child achieves 100% attendance your family will be entered into a prize draw to win £50 shopping vouchers for the term. If you have more than one child with 100% then you will receive two or more chances of winning the prizes!

Staff Team

As you will know there have been some changes to our staff team for this year. Mrs Vento has taken a new position at a school in Calderdale Authority and we wish her success in her new post. We welcome four exemplary, permanent teachers: Miss Butterfield in Ash Class, Miss Anderson in Oak Class, Miss Little in Pine Class and Mrs Sandhu in Beech Class. Miss Bowers is also joining our support staff and Miss Collins is now a permanent member of our support team. We wish them every happiness at St. William's. There will be opportunities for you to meet our team during the coming weeks.

Congratulations...Bravo...Well done!!!



Hot Chocolate Friday!

Congratulation to the children who have gone 'above and beyond' this week:

Emilia, Klaudia, Hashim, Fatima, Leodette, Rayhan, Wiktorja, Marek, Leon and Tommy
Thank you!

Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

Oliwia, Nicola, Lena, Ahmad, Patryk, Julia, Marek, Fizaa, Leon and Tommy.

School Council

Congratulations, you have been nominated to represent St William's as a School Council Member:

Emilia, Oliwia, Zdenko, Sylvia, Rayhan, Julia, Govan, Eurika, Nadia and Nicholas

Education Sunday

As many of you will know, this Sunday is Education Sunday and all of our pupils, Catholics and non-Catholics are warmly invited to attend Mass on Sunday at 11.00am. We ask children to dress in their uniform and come to St William's Parish Church, on Ingleby Road. We want to celebrate our amazing pupils, who are outstanding ambassadors for our Parish/School family and recognise the vital contribution we all make in developing the faith journey of all our children. It would be wonderful to see as many of our families there as possible.

Parents' Evenings

Will take place on **21 October 2019 and 23 October 2019**. This is a very important

opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher, to see their work and discuss your child's strengths and identify areas for further development and improvement. We want to celebrate each pupil's strengths and work with you to support their next steps. We want all our children to be the very best versions of themselves and achieve their full potential. We look forward to seeing you.