



# St. William's Weekly News Round 22nd November 2019

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### Responses & Comments from Parent Questionnaires

Parent/Carer Questionnaire RESULTS – October 2019						
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My child is helped to understand their own Faith	25	48	10			1
My child has knowledge and understanding of other World Faiths	32	45	8			
My child is happy at school	47	33	2			
My child feels safe at school	48	36		2		
My child is well looked after at school	51	32	2			
My child is taught well	38	43	1			1
My child makes good progress	36	38	1			
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	31	45	4			
The school makes sure that children are well behaved	29	42	4			
The school deals with bullying effectively	29	36	6	1		1
The school is well lead and managed	33	34	2	1		
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	46	44	8			
I receive valuable information about my child's progress	36	32	2	1		
The school lets me know how I can support my child at home	33	32	5			
There are opportunities for my child to attend after school clubs	35	34	1			1
The school website provides me with the information that I need	28	42	4			
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	32	34	4			
The school is a warm and welcoming place to visit	37	29	1			

#### A few comments about what St. William's School is good at.....

1. Sharing the school's Catholic ethos, virtues and our faith in God
2. Effort to involve parents with their child's learning and development e.g. workshops and open days for parents/carers
3. Rewarding the children when good behaviour is shown
4. The staff know every child personally by name, and are welcoming, like a second family
5. Keeping the children safe and happy
6. Encouraging children to read and providing a good education

#### A few Comments with what we need to do better.....

1. Send more homework for Maths and English.
2. Help parents who do not know how to help children with their homework or the methods/strategies used by their teachers
3. Work in a 3 way relationship with teacher, parent and child

A huge thank you all those parents/carers that returned the completed questionnaires. We genuinely value your feedback and appreciate your comments as we wish to improve St. William's School and we strive to increase the life opportunities for all our pupils. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the prize raffle draw too!

#### The Liturgical Season of Advent



Advent – a time of preparation for Christians, to get their hearts and minds ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to look forward to the second coming of Jesus, when He will come again to earth.

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' the coming. The liturgical colour, purple, signifies 'waiting'/getting ready. Christians 'get ready' by doing

something 'extra' to please God e.g. praying/acts of kindness, showing contrition (sorrow) for the times they have not lived as closely to Jesus' way/teachings. A prayer that Catholics make in this season of Advent is the Act of Contrition: Oh my God, because you are so very good, I am sorry that I have sinned against you; and with the help of Your grace I will not sin again. Amen

Advent starts on the 30th November/1<sup>st</sup> December. It is also the start of the liturgical/church's New Year.

## Dates for your diary:

Ash Class Parents'/Carers' Reading Time  
8.45-9am Wednesday  
Achievement Assembly every Friday,  
2.45pm in the school hall.

28/11/19	9am Fluoride Application Ash & Oak
28/11/19	Beech Class Schools' Linking Project Visit to Cartwright Hall
29/11/19	Blessing of Advent Wreaths 2.45pm – All welcome.
06/12/19	Confirmation 7pm at St. Joseph's Church (Pakington Street) - All welcome.
09/12/19	'Christmas Bauble Day', dressing the Christmas tree
11/12/19	Ash, Oak & Pine Nativity afternoon performance
12/12/19	Beech, Lime & Holly Carols & Readings
13/12/19	New to Reception September 2020, Prospective pupils open day
17/12/19	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch
18/12/19	Ash, Oak & Pine Party Afternoon
19/12/19	Beech, Lime & Holly Party Afternoon
20/12/19	Mine Pies & Breakfast & 9.30am Festive Sing Song – All welcome
20/12/19	School closes at 3.15pm and re-opens 8.45am 06/01/20
22/12/19	St. William's Church Pre-Christmas social after 11am Mass
06/01/20	New to Reception September 2020, Prospective pupils open day

#### Young Voices Singing Event

We have secured a place for St. William's at the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This is an exciting opportunity for our children, the children need to be 7 years old and above and be dedicated every Wednesday lunchtime to rehearse. The cost for each child is £11. If your child would like to join the choir and attend the event and you require more information, please ask for a consent form from Miss Anderson or Mrs Gadd.

## Warning: No Holidays in Term Time

Please book holidays for when school is closed. To make it easier and fairer for parents, this year we have arranged our holidays schedule so we have two weeks at Spring Bank (25/5/20-08/06/20) when bargain holidays may be available. We do not authorise any holidays in term time **and fines will be issued for taking your child/children out of school during term time.**

## Safeguarding Children

### Attendance and Punctuality

Parents/carers must contact school on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of their child's absence. Staff from school **MUST** conduct home visits, as part of safeguarding procedures, after several days' absence; even if parents have notified school because we have a **statutory duty of care** to check that pupils are safe. It is the law for all pupils to attend school every day and arriving on time for the 8.50am school bell is an essential life skill needed for the world of work.

### 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	Number of pupils on time
Ash	92.3	3	1hr 13m	19/22
Oak	85.4	4	29m	23/27
Pine	92.9	1	8m	28/29
Beech	93.2	4	1hr 3m	24/28
Lime	98.5	3	46m	25/28
Holly	99.2	0	0	24/24
<b>Excellent Arrival to Holly Class!</b>				
<b>93.5% Overall school</b>				

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!

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



### Hot Chocolate Friday!

Congratulation to the children who have gone 'above and beyond' this week: **Pawel, Darina, Keyaan, Emilia, Ingrid, Klaudia, Shanel, Zain, Aleks, Umme-Haani, Tommy and Paige.** Well done for always following our school rules and modelling our core virtues.

### Golden Table Winners: Maliha, Julie, Shanel, Wiktoria and Leon.

These pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during lunchtimes. On Monday, they will be on the Golden V.I.P. Table and will receive a prize for their exemplary behaviour. Keep this up!

### Class teachers' Achievement Awards: Isla-Grace, Eesah, Keyaan, Konrad, Ingrid, Klaudia, Zain, Fatima, Oliwia, Dominik, Michaela and Chiara.

**Year 4 Prefects** this week did a wonderful job **Julia, Kevins, Nikola, Davie, Fatima and Adam**

### Open Day for New Reception Pupils September 2020

Tell your friends and family to come and visit our wonderful school! Take a look at St. William's school website, Facebook and Twitter Accounts for further details about the wonderful children and staff.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020?

Come and see what a special place St. William's school is!



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Open day  
Friday 13th December  
Monday 6th January  
Drop in from  
9.15-11.30 and 1.00-2.00

At St William's the EYFS is about learners experiencing the joy of discovery, solving problems, being creative and developing self confidence. Through the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort the children will learn to love learning!

We hope you'll be able to join us!  
Please contact the office on 01274 545743 for more information

