



St. William's Weekly News Round 29th November 2019

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Week 1 of Advent

The first candle, which is purple, symbolises hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. During this year there will have been significant changes, some that cause pain, confusion, and darkness for many people; disasters, war, the refugee crisis and social, political and economic uncertainty. The effects are being felt by everyone, and most noticeably those disadvantaged in society.



It can feel overwhelming at times, and you may have experienced this feeling of darkness. Yet at this time of year, the church gathers to celebrate light coming into the world. Christ came to give hope that life could be different, He came to give us life in abundance, freedom from the chains of the law, freedom from slavery to fear and control. He came to bring light into

the darkness. The Lord of light and the bringer of hope. Advent wreaths are circular, representing God's infinite love, and are usually made of evergreen leaves, which "represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ." The hope of Christ is through His gift of everlasting life, and in the life we see Him bringing in the every day. Remembering the truth of the nativity and listening to God's Word in our world, can help bring hope to a hopeless world. Let us be filled with hope, as we start this holy season, of Advent.

Congratulations to all our pupils for their wonderful work, 'Journeying closer to God'.



Y4 School Linking Project – Cartwright Hall Art Gallery



As part of the School Linking Project, Beech class, have been linked with Ben Rhydding school in Ilkley. This week, the two schools had an opportunity to meet in person at the Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, where they met new friends and participated in different exciting activities throughout the day.

Open Day for New Reception Pupils September 2020

Tell your friends and family to come and visit our wonderful school!

Dates for your diary:

**Ash Class Parents'/Carers' Reading Time
8.45-9am Wednesday**

**Achievement Assembly every Friday,
2.45pm in the school hall.**

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| 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 |
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Young Voices Singing Event

We have secured a place for St. William's at the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on 10th 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 1st 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 | 83.6 | 5 | 1hr 3m | 17/22 |
| Oak | 90.0 | 0 | 0 | 27/27 |
| Pine | 94.6 | 3 | 2hrs 7m | 25/28 |
| Beech | 92.1 | 5 | 58m | 23/28 |
| Lime | 94.1 | 2 | 34m | 25/27 |
| Holly | 94.6 | 0 | 0 | 24/24 |
| Excellent Arrival to Oak & Holly Class! | | | | |
| 91.7 Overall school | | | | |

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!!!



Golden Table Winners: Riley, Maja, Kevin, Leodette, Oliwia and Harris. 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!

Year 4 Prefects this week did a wonderful job **Zain, Sofia, Patryk, Nina, Femisola and Hassan.**

Advent Prayer Bags



This is a very special time in the Catholic Church's Calendar; 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. At this time, we 'get ready' by doing something 'extra' to please God such as praying or completing acts of kindness and we try to by showing contrition (sorrow) for the times we have not lived as closely to Jesus' way and His teachings.

During Advent, some children may bring home the Advent Prayer bags, families please spend 5-10 minutes using the wooden nativity scenes to pray with. You may pray for a special intention e.g. for peace or justice in the world; or you may choose to pray for someone in need. The children are invited to write or draw on the star and return these in the prayer bag the next day so another pupil has the opportunity to pray with their family.