



St. William's Weekly News Round 6 December 2019

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

Week 2 of Advent

The second purple candle represents faith and is called 'Bethlehem's Candle'. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. John the Baptist calls all sinners forward for baptism and the start of a new life, 'A shout goes up in the desert: Make way for the Lord! Clear a straight path for him!' MK 1:1-8. But along with the call to repent and begin again was another message, the message of advent: someone else is coming who is much greater than John. There is a key word in the gospel reading that is strongly associated with John the Baptist, it is 'repent'. The 'pent' part of the word means 'think' (in English we use pensive to mean thoughtful and 'repent' means to 're-think', to think again. John the Baptist called people to think again. Think again about how you are living your lives and also to think about 'the One who is to come', the Messiah, who will baptise you with the Spirit of God. So as we journey through the season of Advent, let us reflect on John the Baptist as he points us to Christ and re-think our faith. Let us take the opportunity to turn back to God with renewed love and determination to follow the teachings of Jesus. Advent is a time for reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to receive God's love and forgiveness. Fr. Michael will be offering those children in Beech, Lime and Holly Classes the opportunity to make their confession on the Tuesday 17 December 2019 (am) in the school chapel. May our children, be an example to us all, to receive this special Sacrament during Advent. We pray: O, my God because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and with the help of your grace, I will not sin again. Amen. During Advent we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the first coming of Jesus into our world, by making an extra effort to live out those core virtues of our school: Love, Kindness & Respect and help those most in need. Year 5 are trying to be 'Advent Angels' and have made promises to themselves to help them journey closer to God in this holy season. Advent Angels

Our world is in need of more Advent Angels. What Advent promise will you make?



Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 17 December, we would like to encourage all the children to have a school lunch, as this is part of the Christmas celebrations in school. The cost for the children who do not already have a school meal is £1.80. Please complete the Christmas lunch letter sent home this week and return to school as soon as possible so our lunch time staff can prepare for this.

Dates for your diary:

Ash Class Parents'/Carers' Reading Time

8.45-9am Wednesday

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

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 2.00pm Nativity afternoon performance
12/12/19	Beech, Lime & Holly 2.00pm at St. William's Church 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	Mince 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 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.

School Meals Price Increment

As from the 1 January 2020, school meals will increase to £1.90 per day, £9.50 per week.

Keeping Children Safe.

Please notify staff at school, in advance, if there is a change to the usual arrangement for the collection of your child at 3.15pm. Staff need to know if the named parent/carer is not collecting their child and for safeguarding reasons need to be informed of relevant details of the individual you want to collect them. Please also inform Mrs Gadd or Mrs Fagan of any changes to your contact details, particularly mobile phone numbers, as it is essential the school has up-to-date records. Thank you for your support in these matters.

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.

Winter Virus

We are aware of the Norovirus, that is causing an outbreak of sickness & diarrhoea and as a school we have taken the necessary steps to ensure that the risks of this are reduced. Please also remind your children to take extra care with hand washing before they eat and every time they go to the toilet. Thank you Mr Steele & the cleaning staff for keeping our school clean.

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	78.2	3	2hr 6m	19/22
Oak	86.7	3	37m	24/27
Pine	93.6	2	1hr 33m	26/28
Beech	90.0	4	1hr 10m	24/28
Lime	95.6	7	41m	20/27
Holly	87.5	1	4m	23/24
89% Overall school attendance				

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: **Jozsef, Isla-Grace, Cassidy, Mia, Ruby, Suzanna, Jacqueline, Femisola, Fiza, Funmilayo, Michaela and Chiara**. Well done for always following our school rules and modelling our core virtues.

Golden Table Winners Sofia, Alan, Jozef, Shanel, Fiza and Samuel. 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 Ralfs, Melani, Nicola, Oliwia, Ruby, Suzanna, Hassan, Arsenijs, Patryk, Daniela, Haris and Arvin.

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

BRING A BAUBLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Monday 9 December 2019



Donate

or

Take Home

(To take home please make sure your name and class is added to the bauble)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Wear your Christmas Jumper in to school and donate £1 for charity.



(May also wear non-uniform Trousers or skirts)

Donations are for selection boxes for children in hospital (BRI) over the festive period.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 17 December 2019



£1.80

Pay at School Office or by Parent Pay

Winter Weather & School Closure

As you are aware we have a text messaging system in school which we use to contact you with any important messages, this will include any school closures due to bad weather conditions. You can also hear the school closures on Pulse Radio or by visiting www.bradford.gov.uk