



**St. William's Weekly News Round 13 December 2019**

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**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD**

**Nativities**

Thank you to everyone who joined us to watch the children's performance, here at school and at church. The children were a credit to themselves, to their parents and to the staff and we are very proud of you all. Well done & 'THANK YOU' to all the staff for helping the children to prepare for these special occasions.



**Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday, 17th December 2019**

On Tuesday, 17th December, we would like to encourage all the children to have a school lunch, as part of the Christmas celebrations in school. The cost for the children who do not already have a school meal is £1.80. Wear your Christmas Jumpers/T-shirts in school and donate £1 for charity. All monies collected will go towards selection boxes for the children in Bradford Royal Infirmary hospital during the festive period. Thank you for your generous support with this.

**A Mince Pie Breakfast – Friday, 20th December – Festive Sing Song**

Please join us for breakfast on Friday, 20th December at 9.00am in the dining hall followed by our annual festive sing song from 9.30am. We will have the Attendance Awards and a raffle draw for the school Christmas Hamper. Tickets can be bought during next week, 20p each or 5 for £1. There will also be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the Church's Christmas Hamper. All donations for items to go into the hampers will be gratefully received.

**Parish Pre- Christmas Social Sunday, 22nd December**

You and your families are warmly invited to join St. William's Church Parish in the Church Hall after 11.00am Mass for a pre-Christmas get together. Come and enjoy Christmas cake, mince pies, cup-cakes and a cuppa! Donations of prizes are very welcome, send these into school to Mrs Gadd or Mrs Fagan. Hope to see you all on the morning. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Advent Week 3**

On the third Sunday of Advent or 'Gaudete Sunday' the pink candle is lit, symbolising JOY. Joy that our hope in Christ is certain; knowing we are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death can take that love away. It is a time to reflect on all the gifts God has given us. 'Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God, is an everlasting rock!' (Isaiah 26:4). The key is TRUST. We need to have Mary's response to the coming of Jesus, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord', said Mary. 'May it be done to me according to your word' (Lk 1:38). God is not looking for ways to scare us into faith. He drew near to us to relieve the worries we have about crossing over the divide between heaven and earth. He wants you to know that He is going to take care of you no matter what happens, 'Jesus is with me' at all times and in all things. Let us all pray: Lord, help us not to dampen the joy of others. Remind us this week to rejoice always and to pray for those in need of our shining light of trust and love. Amen.

**Dates for your diary:**

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

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 – ALL WELCOME.
06/01/20	School re-opens 8.45am
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.

**Choir rehearsals will continue every Tuesday Lunch time next term.**

## Keeping Children Safe.

Please be aware that staff do not come out on to the school playground until 8.45am and if you leave your child before that time they are left unsupervised. During these dark, wintery months they must either attend Breakfast Club which opens at 8am or be supervised until 8.45am. Parents can leave their child with the members of staff on the playground then. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Photographs of Nativities on Social Media Sites

Please do not upload images of the school nativities if the photograph includes other pupils as well as your own child. Parents/carers have every right to decide if they want to share images of their child on social media sites. If you see any photographs on social media and you are not happy about this, come into school and show me so I can take the appropriate safeguarding action to protect all children and respect the wishes of parents and carers. Thank you, in anticipation of your support, in this matter.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)

## 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	87.7	5	47m	17/22
Oak	90.7	3	1hr 12m	24/27
Pine	89.6	4	3hrs 36m	24/28
Beech	95.0	2	41m	26/28
Lime	97.0	3	22m	23/27
Holly	94.6	2	7m	22/24
92.6% 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!

**Isla-Grace, Eesah, Oliwia, Nicolam Win, Iylah, Rayhan, Leodette, Dominik, Kuba, Tommy and Immanuel.**

Congratulation to the children who have gone 'above and beyond' this week: Well done for always following our school rules and modelling our core virtues.

## Golden Table Winners

**Fabian, Sofia, Patryk, Dominik 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:

**Roman, Ramina, Cassidy, Keyaan, Win, Iylah, Rayhan, Colin, Hamza, Eurika, Maya and Immanuel.**

## After School Clubs 2020 – Please see changes:

If your child would like to attend an afterschool club, please complete the relevant forms sent home. The clubs are based on age appropriateness and places are filled when completed slips are returned.

**Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm Minecraft** Ash, Oak, Pine, Beech, Lime and Holly

**Monday 3.30pm – 5.00pm Cooking** Lime and Holly

**Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm Football** - Beech, Lime and Holly

**Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm Science** Beech, Lime and Holly

**Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.00pm Jiggle & Wiggle** Ash and Oak

**Tuesday 3.30pm -4.30pm Arts/Crafts** Pine, Beech, Lime and Holly

**Tuesday 12.15pm – 12.55pm Choir** Beech, Lime and Holly

**Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm Martial Arts** Beech, Lime and Holly

**Thursday 12.25pm – 12.55 Homework Club** Ash, Oak, Pine, Beech, Lime and Holly

**Thursday 3.30pm -4.30pm Dance** - Beech, Lime and Holly

**Thursday 3.30pm -5.00pm Cooking** Lime and Holly