



St. William's Weekly News Round 20 December 2019

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Advent Week 4

During the 4th week of Advent we focus on Mary's open heart as she prepares to receive the gift of Emmanuel, 'God is with us'. The fourth candle represents love and the presence of the Saviour. God sent Jesus into the world because of his great love for us! 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him' (Jn 3:16-17). If you want to know how to love, look at the love that sent Jesus to earth to live a life of love and pay the price for all our sins. It is all about love. This is a love that says, 'I am willing to love you no matter what'. As we approach the end of Advent let us try to love others the same way Jesus Christ loves you.

The central white candle, 'Christ Candle' is lit to mark the arrival of Christmastide, on Christmas day and represents the life of Christ.

Tuesday 24th December 4.30pm Carol Service **St. Matthew's Christmas Eve** 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

7.30pm Carol Service **St. William's**
8.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

Wednesday 25th December 9.15am Mass of the Nativity **St. Matthew's Christmas Day** 11.00am Mass of the Nativity **St. William's**

There will be no Ministers Rotas for Christmas Masses at St William's Please See Fr Michael's Notice in the Sacristy

I and all the staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.



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!

Christmas lunches & Party Days at St. William's

A huge thank you to Emma & the team in the kitchen for providing a wonderful Christmas lunch for us all on Tuesday, well done!!! The children thoroughly enjoyed their parties too, see the photographs below!



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

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
08/01/20	Flu Nasal Team for those who were absent on their first visit
09/01/20	School Nursing Team for Born in Bradford
10/01/20	Young Voices – Choir to Sheffield Arena.

Young Voices Singing Event

We have secured a place for St. William's at the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on 10 January 2020. This is an exciting opportunity for our children, the children need to be 7 years old and attend every Wednesday lunchtime to rehearse. The cost for each child is £11 to be paid to Mrs Gadd on Monday 6 January 2020.

Choir rehearsals will continue every Wednesday lunch time next term.

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

Happy Retirement & Good Luck for the future!

Today we say goodbye to Miss Little. I would like to thank Miss Little for her work to help and support our pupils in Pine Class and wish her happiness and success at her new school. I wish to welcome Miss O'Brien to St. William's, as the new teacher for Pine Class, some of you may have met her last Monday when she worked in Pine Class for the day. I know you will introduce yourselves to her on 6th January 2020, if you haven't already done so. I would also like to say thank you and Happy Retirement to Mrs Bower. Mrs Bower has not been well recently and therefore absent from school. I wish Mrs Bower good health for 2020 and a long & happy retirement.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the full Autumn Term including those who had medical appointments and returned to school afterwards **Jeremiah, Oliver, Alan, Konrad, Ali, Julie, Win, Fatima, Sofia, Abu'Hurairah, Patryk, Zain, Eleanor, Leodette, Aaminah, Sehrish, Eurika, Pavol, Oliwia, Dominik, Laura, Hawwa, Nadia, Tomas, Leon, Wiktorija, Harris, Samuel, Ranaya, Klaudia, Nina, Femisola, Saif, Mikaaail and Kamil** – a wonderful achievement! These children will be awarded a special, golden ticket in exchange for the privilege to wear non-uniform on Friday, 10th January 2020. The children who had 100% attendance during Autumn Term 2 05.11.19 – 20.12.19, will enjoy some celebratory treats on the day! Well done to our lucky winner, Mrs Hussain who won the £50 Asda voucher for her son's 100% attendance 02/09/19 - 20/12/19.

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

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	81.8	5	1hr 36m	17/22
Oak	96.3	6	1hr 52m	21/27
Pine	93.9	4	1hr 55m	24/28
Beech	95.0	5	1hr 25m	23/28
Lime	94.8	5	1hr 25m	22/27
Holly	97.5	1	25m	23/24

93.5% Overall school attendance

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



Hot Chocolate Friday!

Karoline, Roman, Keyaan, Rozalia, Jahziah, Emilia, Tiana-Marie, Filip, Eurika, Logan, Rebeka and Haris. Congratulations 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

Oliwia, Muntaha, Fatima, Sehrish and Kamil 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!

After School Clubs 2020 – Please note the change of days/times

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

Wednesday 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

Finally.....

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support to engage with all the staff to support your child/children. Equally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St. William's for their continued dedication to providing the very best provision for our pupils. We are fortunate to have a talented & wonderful team who strive to live out 'Christ at our heart'. Enjoy the festivities'.

