



St. William's Weekly News Round 17th January 2020

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Young Voices – St. William's School Choir



Our school choir performed at the Young Voices event, in Sheffield Arena, last Friday. The children really enjoyed themselves. 'I enjoyed singing with famous musicians' (Jahziah).

'It was such fun! I liked shining the torches and singing with a famous singer, called Tony Hadley' (Iylah) Mr Clayton said, 'It was a thoroughly enjoyable night and seeing the children's faces made it all worthwhile'. Miss Anderson added, 'Young Voices is such an

amazing experience. We sang with 5,000 children and famous musicians. We enjoyed learning all the songs and performing them in front of a sold-out arena! We will remember that day forever'. Thank you, Miss Anderson & Mr Clayton for your time and effort to help the children prepare for this memorable experience. DVDs will be available to purchase for £9.99. Please contact the school office if you would like to order one.

Phonics and Early Reading Skills

I would like to thank parents and carers for their continuing support to help their son/daughter develop the essential early reading skills and foster a life-long love for reading. Reading is an essential life skill and the 'gateway' to **all learning**. As a school, we believe that there are many further benefits of reading that promote children's overall development; for example, widening pupils' experience and understanding of different cultures, places, periods of time in history, etc, that they cannot have, direct experience of. Mrs Buttery continues to work hard to develop our Libraries, around school, to ensure that we have a wide range of reading books, readily available, to promote their phonic skills and also appeal to a broad range of children's interests. Please support us and write in their Reading Record. We want you to add your own comments about your child's reading to help us support their reading further. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

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

21/01/20	2.30pm KS2 Internet Safety Assembly
03/02/20	Spanish Showcase Holly Class
10/02/20	Parents Evening 2.30pm – 5.00pm
12/02/20	Lime Class Shakespeare Day
12/02/20	Ash Class Open Day 9am
12/02/20	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word. Every time we read the Word of God or listen to someone reading the Word of God aloud, God speaks to us. The children have focused on Jesus' teaching, The Sermon on the Mount, found in the Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12), The Beatitudes. This famous Gospel passage begins, 'Blessed are those who are poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Being poor in spirit means that we aren't attached to all 'the material things' that we have. Rather, we understand that God has given us all, great blessings and we should be very thankful and share them with others, particularly those most in need. All our 'worldly' things on earth are not important because we can't take them with us to heaven (which will be more amazing than we can imagine). God promises that we will be blessed if we follow these teachings but it won't be easy. Remember, The Beatitudes are impossible to do without God's help. He wants to help us and be a big part of the decisions we make and all that we do. Jesus didn't give us these Beatitudes and then want us to fail. He wanted to give us something to aim for, to work on our whole life to try to achieve. He wants us to try our best and give us a life full of blessings and reward us in heaven someday. The children's work is truly impressive and I invite you to come into the school hall to reflect on their response to this Gospel reading. Children, well done to you all & thank you, to your teachers for displaying your work so beautifully.

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.**

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

Please ensure the school has your current mobile phone numbers/contact details.

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	87.7	4	55m	18/22
Oak	97.8	3	3hrs 50m	24/27
Pine	97.2	2	3m	27/29
Beech	96.8	1	17m	27/28
Lime	97.1	2	31m	26/28
Holly	99.6	1	5m	23/24

96.2% Overall school attendance

If your child achieves 100% attendance your family will be entered into a prize draw to win £100 shopping vouchers for period of time, 02/09/19-09/04/20.

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!!!



Class teachers' Achievement Awards: Katrin, Karolina, Emilia, Konrad, Zahziah, Iylah, Kevins, Zain, Makaail, Patryk, Harry and Rebeka.

Virtue Certificates Last week: Isla-Grace, Nicola, Suzanna, Adam, Fiza and Kamil. This week: Riley (Love), Ayra (Love), Win (Love), Zain (Faith), Eurika (Love) and Lillie (Love).

Hot Chocolate Friday!

Riley, Ralf, Nicola, Oliwia, Cassidy, Julie, Suzanna, Femisola, Zain, Aminah, Daniela, Olivier and Maya. 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

Eva, Kristians, Fatima, Eurika, Immanuel.

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!

Advance Notice: Parents' Consultations

You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your son's/daughter's learning, their progress and their personal development on Monday, 10/02/20 at 2.30-5pm and Wednesday, 12/02/20 3.30-6pm. Letters, nearer the time, will be sent out for you select a time that is most appropriate for you. Teachers try to put siblings' appointments as close as they possibly can. I must apologise that last week's newsletter incorrectly advertised the date of the second consultation evening. I understand that, due to prior commitments, you might not be able to attend either days and I ask you to contact the class teacher directly to make a mutually convenient time. I do try to give as much advance notice as possible to support your personal timetable. As a school community, we want to work closely with you, to support your child'/children's whole development and we look forward to seeing you at the consultation meetings in February. Polish and Slovakian interpreters will be available to translate discussions if needed.

School closes Friday 14 February 2020, for half term, at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 24th February 2020 at 8.45am.