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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### May, the month of Mary, the Mother of God



Jesus wanted His mother to be our mother too. Mothers are always there for us, waiting, wanting, patient and loving. Mary was always there for Jesus when he needed her; full of compassion and understanding, ready to

listen, quick to notice the needs of others and generous with her loving help. As our mother, we have complete trust in Mary's loving care and concern for us. We know we can always turn to her and ask her for help. Her closeness to Christ in life and her closeness to Him in heaven, give us enormous confidence in the power of her intercession, as she prays on our behalf. Take time today to pray:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with you, Blessed, are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

### Eid Celebrations



'Eid Mubarak' to those families celebrating Eid ul-Fitr. We wish you all an enjoyable, festive time, celebrating with your family.

### Covid-19 – Reducing the risks

I am sure you are also adjusting to the lifting of some of the restrictions that we have all lived under for such a long time now and I hope you enjoy doing some of those simple pleasures: such as meeting up with family and friends outdoors and shopping for items other than food! **However, it has been reported that incidents of a new variant of Covid-19 have increased in Bolton.** We must continue to be cautiously optimistic and continue to follow all the safety measures we have in

school to protect our pupils, parents/carers, staff and visitors to our school site. The Risk Assessment is on the school website and I politely remind you of **HANDS, FACE, SPACE & OUTDOORS!!!**



Let us continue to work together, to ensure that we do not RISK & UNDO all the fantastic efforts we have made to help our NHS and reduce the transmission of COVID. Please keep to the rules and stay at home if you suspect you or anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID; and get everyone in the house tested, as soon as possible, to be sure!

#### **Travel**

Please, also, be aware of the challenges that travelling around this country and travelling abroad continue to present – DO NOT ASSUME you can travel freely and without quarantine restrictions. Please monitor the transmission rates of Covid-19 for any place you plan to visit, in advance and during any travelling you do, particularly during Spring Bank Holiday (end of May/start of June) and later in the Summer holidays (July & August). It is far better to take precautions this year and travel safely when you can be more certain that you are not putting yourself or your children at risk. Please visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for more information. Thank you, for your continued support, with all matters relating to health and safety.

#### **Supervision of pupils at the start and when collecting children at the end of the day.**

A polite reminder that parents/carers are responsible for the children before and after school; a gentle reminder that the children should be stood with you so you know that they are safe. Staff do not supervise children on the fixed playground equipment at these times and that equipment is designed for specific year groups. I would appreciate it if mobile phones are not used so you are not distracted when you are saying goodbye or hello to your children.

## Safeguarding Children Attendance and Punctuality

Parents/carers must contact school on the 1st day of their child's absence by either telephoning 01274 545743 or by text message on 07624806369. 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 to arrive on time**, this is an essential life skill needed for the world of work. **Please understand that there is a child-care fee of £2, per child, for every 10 minutes pupils are collected late at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support to be on time.**

Class Group/Bubble	Arrival time	Finish time	Entrance/exit
Breakfast Club (Advanced booking, every Friday for following week)	From 8am & no later than 8.35am	8.35am	Pine Y2/3 door, under shed (bell)
Holly Class	From 8.40am & no later than 8.45am	3.15pm	Top playground, Y5/6 door
Beech Class	From 8.40am & no later than 8.45am	3.15pm	Beech Y3/4 door, under shed
Lime Class	From 8.45am & no later than 8.50am	3.10pm	Top playground, Y5/6 door
Oak Class	From 8.45am & no later than 8.50am	3.10pm	Gate way & Oak Class Fire door
Pine Class	From 8.50am & no later than 8.55am	3.05pm	Pine Y2/3 door, under shed
Ash Class	From 8.50am & no later than 8.55am	3.05pm	Gate way & Ash Class door

### 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. Staff need to know if the named parent/carer is not collecting their child/children for safeguarding reasons. Staff need to be informed of relevant details of the individual you want to collect them; a password will be used and the class teacher will be notified of this. Please also inform Mrs Gadd on 01274 545743 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.

### Warning: No Holidays in Term Time

Please book holidays for when school is closed. 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.**

Please check the school website or contact us directly if you are unsure of school holidays at St. William's and be aware of the travel restrictions and quarantine arrangements during this time and have not yet been lifted.

We empathise if you are trying to plan holidays for later in the year but as yet it is unclear what restrictions will still be in place for August/early September.

### Reminder!

Next week school closes for all pupils Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm and re-opens Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June.



## Attendance & Punctuality

**Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!**



### This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through lateness	Number of pupils on time
Ash	87.1%	3	3hr 50m	15
Oak	86.1%	3	5hr 30m	19
Pine	86.7%	4	4hr 45m	20
Beech	80.4%	4	1hr 40m	19
Lime	84.1%	5	5m	24
Holly	87.6%	2	1hr 9m	23

**85.2% Overall school attendance**  
**93.2% Overall school attendance to date**

### Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:  
**Anna, Riley, Isla-Grace, Karoline, Mia, Cassidy, Iylah, Raksana, Eleanor, Leodette, Austeja and Dominik**  
**Well done!**

### Hot Chocolate Friday:

**Kacper, Zoe, Leo, Susanna, Maja, Zdenko, Viktoria, Patryk, Filip, Marek and Daniela**

### Virtue Certificates this week:

**Oskar – Love, Vivienne – Love, Lola-Mae – Love, Viktoria – Faith, Sofia – Love, Wiktoria - Love**



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,  
happy birthday dear

**Kevin**

happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

### Dates for your diary:

17/05	Pine/Lime Class Homework Project due in
18/08	Beech/Holly Class Homework Project due in
18/05	Theme Day Lunch as part of a special devotion to Our Lady, Mary, in the month of May.
14/05 - 20/05	Other Faith Week: Islam
20/05	School closes at 3.15pm, <b>(Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May is an inset day, closed to pupils)</b> School re-opens Monday 7 June 2021.

## Sacramental Dates for your diary

Please note:

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9.30am venue TBC

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at St. William's Church First Holy Communion Mass. More details to follow about these later.

### P.E. Lessons

Each child will need to come dressed in a dark tracksuit or dark jogging bottoms/leggings/dark hoodie- No Brand Names, white t-shirt, Trainers/Pumps.

**Ash Class Mondays**

**Oak Class Mondays & Thursdays**

**Pine Class Tuesdays & Fridays**

**Beech Class Tuesdays**

**Lime Class Wednesdays**

**Holly Class Wednesdays**

## Kooth Support for pupils' Social, Emotional and Mental Wellbeing

Staff at St. William's are committed to promoting and helping all our pupils, to have healthy mental wellness; we actively encourage pupils to 'speak up and speak out' about their feelings, recognising that there no one bad emotion/feeling. Through a range of activities (Time to Talk, Worry Boxes and Circle Time) we often explore themes of social connectedness, physical activity, awareness, learning, and giving, which are a number of themes that are part of Mental Health Awareness Week that started 12<sup>th</sup> May. I wish to make you aware of **KOOTH Your Online Mental Wellbeing Community – free, safe and anonymous support for all children and their parents**. Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will have specific learning via a Kooth specialist next half term and I have organised a specific video workshop for parents/carers on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2.15-3.15pm in the school hall (socially distanced of course). This is free and an excellent opportunity for you to receive help and advice from a professional outside of school about children's mental health and wellbeing – particularly following the pandemic from March 2020. Please confirm your place for this with Mrs Gadd, Mrs Fagan or myself either on the playground or a message on Class Dojo. Thank you in advance for your attendance at this event.



## Ash - Class Topic

Ash class have really enjoyed their topic: 'Under the sea'. We have learnt all about turtles, seahorses, sharks, jellyfish and lots of other sea creatures!



## Support for families

**The Catholic Care Community Market**, is here every Monday, at the end of the school day from 2.50pm. Help yourself to fresh fruit, vegetables and tinned items! **Please bring your own carrier bags – thank you**. Donations have been gratefully received from local supermarkets & generous contributions from parishioners from St. William's Church, **THANK YOU, FOR ALL THESE DONATIONS**.

## COVID – 19

**If there are any health issues for members of your household relating to Covid-19, please make school aware by emailing:**

**[constantcontact@stwilliams.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:constantcontact@stwilliams.bradford.sch.uk)**

**Thank you for your support to protect our pupils and school family.**

### HOW TO CONTACT US



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Use **class dojo** to send home learning work back to your child's class teacher to be checked.

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