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St. William's Weekly News Round

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SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a Universal Free School Meal, regardless of their family income. Children in Year 3 and above will need to pay on Mondays for their school meals, unless your child is entitled to FSM. If you feel as though you are entitled because of a benefit claim, please collect a form from the school office. Parents are kindly reminded that school meals should be paid for in advance of meals being taken or on the day. Schools cannot provide free meals to children who are not entitled to them. School meals cost £1.70 per day/£8.50 a week. Children not taking school meals should be provided with a packed lunch. Thank you.

International themed Lunch

Next Thursday, 4th October, our wonderful kitchen staff will provide an International themed lunch and all pupils are invited to have a school lunch on that day, even if they usually have sandwiches. Why not encourage your child to try a school dinner?

Year 4 Dining Hall Prefects

Congratulations to the Y4 Prefects who have proved to be excellent role models to our youngest pupils. They encourage our younger pupils to eat with a knife and fork and encourage them to try foods that are new to them. Visitors have commented on how well our pupils use the dining hall and how politely the children and adults engage with one another during lunchtimes.

Well done: **Dylan, Logan, Fiza, Jakub, Daniela, Aaminah, Mikail, Dominic, Sehrish, Wiki, Bethany, Austeja, Callum & Oliwia.**

Celebration for Fr Jim

On Tuesday, 30th October at 7pm there is a special Mass for Fr Jim in St. William's Church. All families are invited to attend this celebration and if you would like to show your appreciation to Fr Jim, you can collect an envelope from the school office for your donation. Please let Mrs Gadd know if you will be attending the faith supper in the parish hall after Mass for catering purposes.

The Mini Vinnies' MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who donated a cake this morning and all those who came along to support our pupils at this event. It was a lovely occasion and all monies raised will go to MacMillan Cancer Charity. Special thanks to the Mini Vinnies for organising this.

THANK YOU!

Dates for your diary:

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| Every Friday | Achievement Assembly @ 2.45pm |
| 04.10.18 | Y1 St. Faustina's Liturgy @ 2.45pm – Parents welcome! Feast Day of St. Faustina is 5 th October. |
| 'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,' Matthew 25:35 | 'A tin and a run' – Faith in Action! Support those who are hungry – bring a tinned item for St. Patrick's Mission in Bradford and sponsored money raised from the walk/run will go to CAFOD. |
| <i>Parent Workshops</i> | |
| 08.10.18 @ 2.30pm | Y6 SATs |
| 09.10.18 @ 2.30pm | Y3 & Y4 Reading |
| 10.10.18 @ 2.30pm | Rec & Y1 Phonics |
| 11.10.18 @ 2.30pm | Y2 SATs |
| 11.10.18 @ 2.30pm | Y5 Reading |
| 15 & 17.10.18 We aim to have 100% parent attendance – interpreters will be available during the two evenings. | Parent Consultations See your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment. This is an opportunity to see your child's work and discuss their achievements, progress and targets. |
| 15.10.18 | Y1 & Y2 Art Morning with Mr Bullock |
| 15.10.18- 19.10.18 | Other Faith Week: Judaism – visits to a local synagogue & a speaker to visit Rec & Y1. |
| 19.10.18 | School closes for half term @ 3.15pm |
| 30.10.18 | School re-opens for pupils @ 8.45am. Mass for Fr Jim @ 7pm in St. William's Church and afterwards a Faith Supper in Parish Hall. |

The school chapel is available for all parents and carers to use if they wish to.

ATTENDANCE

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. It is also vital that they encourage their child's regular and punctual attendance at school. Parents should work in partnership with the school, notifying the school of the reason for any of their child's absences. Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks!

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

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| 100% Attendance | 0 days missed | Excellent |
| 95% Attendance | 9 days of absence 1 week & 4 days of learning missed | Satisfactory |
| 90% Attendance | 19 days of absence 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed | Poor |
| 85% Attendance | 28 days of absence 5 weeks & 3 days of learning missed | Unacceptable |
| 80% Attendance | 38 days of absence 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed | Inadequate |
| 75% Attendance | 46 days of absence 9 weeks & 1 day of learning missed | Neglect |

This week's Trophy Winners!

| Class | % |
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| Reception | 86.5 |
| Y1 | 88.5 |
| Y2 | 98.8 |
| Y3 | 96.4 |
| Y4 | 99.6 |
| Y5 | 97.2 |
| Y6 | 93.3 |

If your child achieves 100% attendance your family will be entered into a prize draw to win a food hamper! If you have more than one child with 100% then you will receive two or more chances of winning the prize!

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



Golden Table Winners

This week these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during every lunchtime.

Nicola, Meida, Dovidas, Leodette, Daniela, Natalia and Reece

On Monday they will be on the Golden V.I.P. Table and will receive a prize for their exemplary behaviour. What wonderful role models you are, for all our pupils!



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

Ahvina, Ranaya, Fabian, Keyaan, Faiza, Klaudia, Shanel, Eleanor, Callum, Krystian, Natalia, Arvin, Emerode, Reese.



Reading is FUNdamental

Across school, we are trying to help our pupils understand the importance of developing their reading skills as well as foster a love of reading. You can play a significant role in helping your child by the very example of reading at home!

Encouraging your child to share a book, enjoy the illustrations and discuss characters and events are vital skills that promote their speaking and listening, thinking and being able to empathise and understand things from another person's point of view. As little as 5-10 minutes every day can make a **HUGE** difference and we ask you to be partners with us in this.

October, the month of Our Lady.

To honour Mary, the blessed mother of Jesus each class will be given prayer bags so that pupils can take the bag home and share it with their family. Using the contents of the bag, a picture of Mary, a simple prayer card and some rosary beads, you are invited to spend 5-10 minutes to pray as a family together for your own intentions and for all mothers, including those who have died.

Holy Mary, takes these prayers and all our prayers to God in Heaven. May Mary bless us all this October.

