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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

Keeping Your Child Safe.

You may have noticed some new posters around school reminding us all of what bullying is: repeated behaviour which is intended to hurt someone either emotionally or physically. It can be aimed at certain people because of their race, religion, gender, appearance or disability. Bullying can take many forms including: physical assault, teasing, making threats, name calling, taking your friends away from you and excluding you from the group.

Bullying is WRONG and DAMAGING to the victim and the bully. At St. William's you should always speak out and tell an adult if you are, or if you know of anyone, being bullied.

Children across school have been discussing and working on this area of learning, which also includes, cyber-bullying (bullying online or on mobile phones, tablets, social networking sites and messaging apps).

During the week, it has come to the attention of the teachers, particularly in Key Stage 2, of how widely used the game FORTNITE is played by our pupils at home. Fortnite has an age rating of 12 years old, due to the frequent scenes of violence. However, the age rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element; a child playing this game may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from other players in voice or on-screen text chat. In some instances, the other players can be complete strangers **and this online contact puts your child at risk.**

It is a game where the sound is crucial and often players will wear headphones and parents/carers can't hear what is being said. Therefore, consider setting up your console or PC to have sound coming from the TV as well as a headset so you can hear what other players are saying to your child. Thank you for your support in protecting your child/children.

Please do not allow children to run in the grass bank area, near Reception and Year 1 for their safety.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to those children who were enrolled in this very special Sacramental Programme last week. The preparation classes begin, this Sunday, 18th November at St. William's parish hall at 9.15am. **Attendance at this and every class is essential** for your child to be ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Dates for your diary:

Dates	Events
Sunday, 18 th Nov	Confirmation Class at St. William's Parish Hall at 9.15am.
Every Friday 2.45pm	Achievement Assembly in Hall.
Thursday, 29 th November, 2.45pm	Blessing of the Advent Wreaths in Hall
Tuesday, 4 th December	Y1 & Y2 Tropical World Visit

Christmas Events

12th Dec KS1 & Reception Nativity 'Hey Ewe' 2pm in hall.

13th Dec Christmas Lunch Day (wear a Christmas Jumper)

14th Dec KS2 Christmas Story Liturgy Carols and Readings 2pm in hall.

18th Dec Achievement Assembly 2.45pm in hall.

19th Dec NON UNIFORM DAY

9.15 am 'Festive Sing- Song' in hall, everyone welcome!

100% Attendance Raffle Draw for the £50 supermarket vouchers during the Sing - Song. Tea, Coffee and mince pies served after in the dining hall.

Christmas parties in the afternoon. School closes at 3.15pm.

Parents can attend the dress rehearsals of the performances (on the morning of the 12th & 14th). We are avoiding bring children back to school in the evening, in the middle of Winter, to prevent the risk of infections and illnesses.

Year 3 Class Mass

The pupils will lead the readings at one of the weekday Masses next week. Mrs Teal will inform the children. All welcome.

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. All adults who work in school have a specific duty of care and a safeguarding responsibility. Therefore, we **MUST** locate children who are absent from school. **Home visits** are made if there is no contact from parents, as a measure to ensure that children are safe. **Schools must notify the police if they cannot verify where a child is.**

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



This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	No. Of Lates Per Class	Time Lost Through Lateness
Reception	82.2	5	50 mins
Y1	95.0	1	2hrs
Y2	92.4	3	2hrs 10 Mins
Y3	95.7	2	25 Mins
Y4	92.0	5	35 Mins
Y5	98.0	1	5 Mins
Y6	98.1	6	45 Mins
Overall school %	93.6%		

If your child achieves **100% attendance** your **family will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 voucher!** If you have more than one child with 100% then you will receive two or more chances of winning the prize!

Parent/Carer Volunteers

Can you spare some time to come into school regularly to help our children in any way? You might be able to work in the classroom, helping children with their learning, especially reading. You might have a particular skill you want to share as part of a club, such as cooking, gardening or specific crafts e.g. sewing. If you can in help in any way please contact the office to arrange a time you can meet with me (Miss Parker) to discuss your offer of help.

I am really needing some volunteers to walk KS2 classes to the Alhambra on the 4th January, 2019 (just the early part of the afternoon). If you can help in any way please let us know. Thank you.

Uniform

Can you please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on their uniform/property.

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



Golden Table Winners

This week these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during lunchtimes.

Savas, Cassidy, Ruby, Eleanor, Wiktoria, Sasa, Kevin.

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!

Also, Y4 Prefect Awards to: **Eurika, Funmilayo,**

Hawwa, Fiza, Bethany, Austeja, Aaminah, Daniela,

Pavol, Miguel, Oliwia, Gabriela.



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

Andreea, Danish, Teddy, Sofia, Sahil, Cindy, Nikola,

Saif, Mikaaail, Gabriela, Rebeqa, Saule, Ellie, Reece.



November, the month we remember the 'Holy Souls'

Do you ever wonder what happens after we die? I can't fully answer the question but the following story (from a St. Patrick's Missionary Society Newsletter), reflects my own faith and belief.

A sick man said to his doctor, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side". The doctor replied quietly, "I don't know".

"You don't know! You are a Christian and you don't know what is on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door. From the other side came the sound of scratching and whining and as he opened the door a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with great happiness. Turning to his patient the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here. I know little of what is on the other side of death but I do know one thing.....I know that my Master is there and that is enough.

Throughout November we remember those 'on the other side'. We do so because our love for them reaches beyond their death and expresses itself in our prayer for their peace.

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. You are warmly invited to add the names of your deceased loved ones in our In Loving Memory book, in our school Chapel.