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St. William's Weekly News Round

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

ATTENDANCE – Keeping healthy in Winter.

As the season progresses and we approach Winter can I remind everyone of the need to dress for Winter? Children need a waterproof coat (preferably with a hood), hat, scarf, gloves and appropriate footwear for the cold, wet weather. In school, we encourage pupils to take responsibility for their belongings but support with this is always appreciated (name labels). Children are actively encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day to ensure that they keep themselves hydrated and fruit is provided for KS1 pupils. All children are allowed to bring fruit to eat during morning breaks and oranges, kiwis and strawberries, high in vitamin C, help to fight throat infections/colds. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and all children must start the day properly, with breakfast. Breakfast Club in school starts every morning from 8.00am and this is an opportunity for pupils to eat and then socialise together (£1.60 per day). Teachers provide and remind children to use tissues to blow their noses and to put these in the bin immediately after use. It is also essential that our children are reminded to wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day, especially after using the toilet and before they eat. When we have reports of several children suffering with diarrhoea or sickness, Mr Steele and the cleaning team, complete a deep clean in the key areas affected. Healthy children need plenty of fresh air, exercise a balanced diet and an uninterrupted night's sleep. Together, let us support our children to be healthy during Winter.

Severe Weather, such as ice and snow can cause increasing traffic congestion and delays. Please allow sufficient time to travel to school, especially if you use Ingleby Road where there are major roadworks. If the school has to close due to snow, you will receive a text message notifying you of the closure or you can look at Bradford Schools Online, 'school closures'.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The preparation classes continue, this Sunday, 25th 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, 25 th Nov	Confirmation Class at St. William's Parish Hall at 9.15am.
Every Friday 2.45pm	Achievement Assembly in Hall.
Monday 26 th - 27 th November	Life Caravan
Thursday, 29 th November, 2.45pm	Blessing of the Advent Wreaths in Hall
Monday 3 rd December	Bring a bauble for the Christmas tree
Tuesday, 4 th December	Y1 & Y2 Tropical World Visit

Christmas Events

3rd December Bring a bauble for the Christmas tree (if you want the bauble back please label with your child's name and class).

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.

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Dodgeball Tournament: **Musa, Laraib, Hannah, Zac, Madeeha and Connor**. They were a credit to themselves, their families and our school, well done!

Year 3/4 Class Mass

The pupils will lead the readings at one of the weekday Masses next week. Mr Hussain and 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	82.9	5	50 Mins
Y1	93.9	4	1Hr 1 Min
Y2	94.1	4	3Hrs 10 Mins
Y3	97.2	7	1Hr 13 Mins
Y4	91.3	4	1Hr
Y5	99.6	4	25 Mins
Y6	97.4	4	50 Mins
Overall school %	94.0%		

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.

Anyone who can volunteer to walk KS2 classes to the Alhambra on the 4th January, 2019 (just the early part of the afternoon), please give your name and contact number to Mrs Gadd. Thank you.

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



Golden Table Winners

This week these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during lunchtimes.

Zayyan, Ayra, Faiza, Shanel, Kuba, Tomas, Jesika

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: **Hawwa, Aaminah, Fiza, Daniela, Pavol, Miguel, Oliwia, Gabi, Sehrish, Wiki, Eurika, Funmilayo**



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

Elise, Oliwia, Win, Ayva, Klaudia, Bastian, Nina, Kevins, Hamza, Fiza, Rebeka, Brian, Leonie, Kai



Welcome

We welcome Miss Collins in Reception and Miss Shah in Year 2. They both joined the staff team this week and are supporting our pupils in their learning and development. We hope they settle quickly and are very happy at St. William's.

November, the month we remember the 'Holy Souls'

Throughout November, as a school, children and adults have made an effort to pray The Eternal Rest, a prayer for all those whom have died: **Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

We do so because our love for those whom have died reaches beyond their death and expresses itself in our prayer for their peace. You are warmly invited to add the names of your deceased loved ones in our In Loving Memory book, in our school Chapel.

The season of Advent is almost here.

You are warmly invited to attend the Blessing of the Advent Wreaths, **29th November at 2.45pm in the Hall** with Fr. Michael and the whole school. **Prepare, for you do not know the hour, the Lord is coming!**

