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St. William's Weekly News Round

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

Online Safety Workshops 17/12/18 – Keeping Children Safe

In response to teaching and learning during Anti-bullying week and in an effort to help pupils stay safe online, Ms Thompson has booked another workshop for Y5 & Y6 pupils and also a workshop for their parents. I urge at least one adult from each pupil's family to attend – as this is a very important safeguarding issue that has implications for all pupils and their parents. Problems from children's use of social media networking sites, online games, issues such as 'sexting' and cyber-bullying are widespread and every adult should be aware of how to help their child be safe using a range of electronic devices. Please come along to listen to a professional speaker discuss these issues and answer any questions you may have.

Key Stage 1 'Hey Ewe' and Key Stage 2 Carols & Readings

Pupils in school have been busy preparing a special Christmas gift for all their parents and grandparents! Please come along to either the matinee performances on Wednesday, 12th December KS1 and Friday 14th December KS2 at 2pm or the dress rehearsals at 10am on the same days. The children would love to share their singing, reading and acting with you all.

Festive Sing- Song Wednesday, 19th Dec 9.15am

You are all warmly invited to join us in the hall for a 'sing-song' that will get us all in the festive spirit, if we are not already in the party mood! Each class will perform their chosen Christmas song. Please join us for mince pies and tea/coffee in the dining hall afterwards.

Welcome!

I am delighted to welcome two dynamic and experienced teachers to join our school team, Miss Sandhu in Year 4 and Mrs Verma in Year 5 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). They have already made a great start to establish relationships with pupils, parents and staff. If you haven't already introduced yourself on the playground, please do so!

Arrival for 8.45am

Please help your child by getting to school for 8.45am. This means that they are here in time and ready for learning!
Thank you for your support.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The preparation classes continue, this Sunday, 9th December 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 |
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| Sunday, 9 th Dec | Confirmation Class at St. William's Parish Hall at 9.15am. |
| Tuesday, 11 th Dec | Mini Vinnies & Choir perform at Parish Lunch Club |
| Wednesday, 12 th Dec | KS1 Dress Rehearsal in morning 2pm Hey Ewe Hall – all welcome |
| Thursday 13 th Dec | Christmas Jumper & Lunch £1 for Children's ward BRI |
| Friday, 14 th Dec | KS2 Carols & Readings Dress Rehearsal in morning 2pm Carols & Readings in hall – all welcome. |
| Monday, 17 th Dec | 10-11 am Choir sing at Morrisons – all welcome. 11-12 y5 Online safety workshop 1-2pm y6 Online safety workshop 2-3.15pm Parents' Online safety workshop |
| Tuesday, 18 th Dec | Achievement Assembly 2.45pm in hall – all welcome |
| Wednesday, 19 th Dec | Non- Uniform Day (but please ensure pupils are suitably dressed for break/lunchtime) Festive Sing-Song 9.15am in hall – all welcome. 100% Attendance Raffle Draw for the £50 supermarket vouchers during sing-song. Tea/coffee and mince pies in dining hall after sing-song 1pm Class parties! School closes at 3.15pm |
| Thursday, 3 rd January 2019 | School re-opens at 8.45am |
| Friday, 4 th January 2019 | All pupils attend Panto Alhambra and return to school to be collected |

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 | 89.1 | 3 | 1hr 34mins |
| Y1 | 78.9 | 5 | 3hrs 40mins |
| Y2 | 95.9 | 4 | 3hrs 30mins |
| Y3 | 94.7 | 5 | 2hrs 54mins |
| Y4 | 92.7 | 4 | 2hrs 28mins |
| Y5 | 92.7 | 3 | 1hr 40mins |
| Y6 | 98.1 | 4 | 21mins |
| Overall school % | 92.4 | | |

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

Please support the choir and the Mini Vinnies in their Advent promise, to spread God's love – they are singing in the Parish Hall, at Morrison's Supermarket and at Crossley Hall Care Home on **Tuesday, 11th Dec at 12pm/1pm, Monday, 17th Dec 10-11am and Tuesday, 18th December at 10.30-11.30am.** If you can accompany the pupils and staff this will be a great help. Please give your contact details to Mrs Gadd in the school office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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



Golden Table Winners

This week these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during lunchtimes.

Elise, Suzanna, Dovidas, Tiana, Eurika, Paige, Reese.

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, Fiza, Bethany, Austeja, Aaminah, Daniela, Oliwia, Gabi, Sehrish, Wiki, Eurika, Funmilayo.**



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

Abdul-Basit, Ahvina, Anthony, Win, Faiza, Dovidas, Julia, Sofia, Oliwia, Marek, Samuel, Armani, Isobel, Arin.



The season of Advent

During this time of preparation (getting our hearts and minds ready to welcome Jesus), we 'get ready' by doing something 'extra' to please God such as praying or completing acts of kindness. We also try to show contrition (sorrow) for the times we have not lived as closely to Jesus' way and His teachings. During Advent we pray the Act of Contrition: **O, my God because you are so very good, I am sorry for the times that I have sinned against you and with help of Your grace I will not sin again. Amen.**

I want to say a HUGE thank you to those families that have already taken the time to pray together using the Advent Wallets. Families spend 5-10 mins using the holding cross or the wooden nativity scenes to pray with. You may pray for a special intention e.g. for peace or justice in the world; or you may choose to pray for someone in need. The children are invited to write or draw on the stars and return these in the prayer wallet the next day so another pupil has the opportunity to pray with their family.



God bless you and your family in this holy Season. Amen.