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St. William's Weekly News Round

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

BOARD

Online Safety Workshops 17/12/18 2-3.15pm – 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. The one that was arranged for parents during anti-bullying week was not attended by any parent or carer. 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

Congratulations to all the pupils for their hard work and efforts to produce a special Christmas present for their families...their singing, reading and acting was very impressive. A huge thank you to all the staff, for their support to enable all pupils to participate in these performances.

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 and afterwards, please join us for mince pies and tea/coffee in the dining hall.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

There is **NO** class this Sunday, 16th December. Classes will start again on 6th January 2019 at 9.15am in the parish hall.

Thank you!

The pupils raised **£128.60** from their donations on Christmas Jumper day yesterday. All proceeds are going to support children in the Bradford Royal Infirmary during the festive period. Very well done to you all, your generosity is much appreciated. If you have any Christmas jumpers or T- shirts for children that no longer fit and you wish to recycle these, please consider sending these into school for us to clean and use next year (for those children in school who do not have one).

Congratulations to the kitchen staff for a delicious Christmas lunch.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed it and so did the staff!!! School dinners increase to £1.80 as from 1st Jan 2019 – still excellent value for money!

Dates for your diary:

Dates	Events
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	Head teacher's Awards 2.45pm in hall – all welcome
Wednesday, 19 th Dec	Non- Uniform Day (but please ensure pupils are suitably dressed for break/lunchtime outside) Festive Sing-Song 9.15am in hall – all welcome. 100% Attendance Certificates & 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

Mass Times at St. William's Church
All welcome.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for young children and families 6pm

Midnight Mass preceded by carols at 11.30pm

Christmas Day Mass at 10am

There will be no Slovak language Mass on Christmas Day

Wishing you all joy and peace this Christmas and Happy New Year!

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	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through absence & lateness
Reception	94.3	4	2hrs 6mins
Y1	91.1	5	35mins
Y2	96.5	3	20mins
Y3	93.7	3	50mins
Y4	89.3	5	40mins
Y5	98.3	5	50mins
Y6	97.7	4	1hr 25mins
Overall school %	94.5		

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!

The Holy Season of Advent calls all God's people to prepare their hearts and minds to be ready to welcome Jesus into their lives. In this materialistic world, it would be easy to think that this means we must be busy spending and buying! Really, this is a time of reflection and prayer. It is an opportunity for us to ask God to forgive us, for those occasions when we have failed to follow Jesus' teachings; it is a time to renew our commitment to be true friends of Jesus. Not only should we rejoice in the Light of Christ coming into our lives, we should share it with others! This Sunday, 16th Dec is Gaudete Sunday and the pink candle is lit to represent joy. Let us rejoice in the Lord always and spread love to all those we meet, especially those most in need of our prayer and help.

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



Golden Table Winners

This week these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during lunchtimes.

Oliwia, Keyaan, Iylah, Patryk, Gabriela, Harry, Vanessa.

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, Pavol, Miguel, Oliwia, Gabi, Eurika, Funmilayo.**



Congratulations to the Choir and Mini Vinnies for their fantastic singing and entertainment at the Tuesday Lunch Club, in the Parish Hall. Thank you Mrs Teal, Miss Steed, Mrs Bulmer and Mrs Battersby for helping the children prepare for this event.

Admissions

Dear Parent/Carers

The Governors of St. William's Catholic Primary School intend to change the admission policy to take effect for the academic year being September 2020.

The proposed policy is available to view on the school website as above or a paper copy can be seen at the school office.

Any responses to the proposed changes should be made in writing to the Chair of Governors at the school address by 10 January 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Governors.