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## St. William's Weekly News Round

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

#### St. William's School Development – an update!

All staff and Governors have continued to work very hard since the start of the academic year to work together to improve and further develop St. William's; to ensure that every pupil is given the very best start and is engaged in a lifelong love for learning! We believe that our role is to work in partnership with you, as parents/carers, to help every child grow into a happy and successful individual, with the ability to participate in society and reach their full potential and fulfil their dreams and ambitions. Moreover, as a Catholic School, Christ is central to all we do; and as we journey together, in our friendship and love for God, we celebrate our uniqueness and diversity, as children of God (including the adults). We respect all people of different or no faith and we recognise that we are all part of one global family. We understand this is the most formative stage for their growth and development into a well-rounded human being. It is a privileged role for us, to contribute to the care and education of your child/children and we thank you for trusting us to do this in partnership with you.

Our key priorities include: Safeguarding; Leadership and Governance; Improving the quality of teaching so that standards rise quickly; Improving the provision in the Early Years and Increasing the rates of progress and raise attainment for pupils who are disadvantaged or who have a SEND. All parents'/carers' feedback is welcomed and gratefully received; you can approach me in person on the playground, email, phone (see the contact details at the top) or write a letter. I will keep you informed of our progress and there will be opportunities for you to come into school for Parents' Consultations, this half term and later, in Spring 2; when each class will host Maths' Workshop for parents and carers. However, please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions regarding our school development or other matters relating to school.

#### EVERYONE CAN DO MATHS!

We have undertaken significant training and introduced White Rose Maths into our school. Central to this teaching, is the expectation that all pupils will gain a deep understanding of the maths they are learning. For understanding in maths to be secure, learning needs to be built on solid foundations. Therefore, a mastery approach to the curriculum means pupils spend far longer on fewer key mathematical concepts whilst working at greater depth. Pupils work in mixed ability attainment groups, using a range of resources and pictorial representations to reason and

### SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a Universal Free School Meals, 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 £1.80 per day/£9.00 a week.

Children not taking school meals should be provided with a packed lunch. Thank you.

#### Dates for your diary:

Every Friday	Achievement Assembly @ 2.45pm All welcome!
23/01/19	NSPCC Safeguarding Assemblies KS1 1.30-2pm KS2 2-2.30pm
25/01/19	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Pupil Workshops Y5 10-11 Y6 11-12
06/02/19	Y3 Educational Visit Cliffe Castle, Skipton
08/02/19	Confirmation at St. William's Church at 7pm
11/02/19 13/02/19	Parent Consultations
15/02/19	School closes at 3.15pm
25/02/19	School re-opens at 8.45am

solve problems, enabling greater opportunity for ALL pupils, no matter what their starting point is, to work at a higher order level and consequently promoting further opportunities for accelerated progress. Let your child tell you all about what they have been learning in maths – they are engaged, motivated and are proud to share their maths work.

### Reading and Phonics

We believe reading is fundamental to learning and can enrich the development of individuals. We are currently developing and extending well-resourced and attractive library areas across the whole school to enable opportunities for all children, to nurture in them, reading for pleasure as well as research to support their learning in all areas. New books have been purchased and organised attractively in a new KS1 library to encourage pupils to independently select and read a variety of appropriate materials; to engage them and promote their enjoyment for reading. This will be implemented across the other year groups in the next couple of weeks, so all year groups have easy access to a variety of exciting reading resources in a purposeful library with research stations, where pupils can read individually and research their learning. Training for early year's practitioners for Speech and Language Development has been undertaken to identify the next steps a pupils need to extend their speech and language. All staff received further training for a consistent and structured approaches to the teaching of phonics and reading to strengthen pupils' reading effectively and consistently across the school. New reading records for Home/School Reading will shortly be sent out to every child, providing helpful suggestions on how to help your child at home as a reader.

### The Sacrament of Confirmation

The preparation classes continue, this Sunday, 13 January 2019 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.

## New Year Stay & Play Group

To be Held at the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Williams, in Ingleby Road, Bradford, in the Diocese of Leeds.



Come along with your pre-school children, meet other parents, and engage in play. Children learn through play and start to develop their social skills early to prepare them for school. Parents can often feel isolated so why not come along to our friendly group; have a cuppa and a chat to other parents. Help prepare your children for school, give them the start they need.

**TUESDAY MORNINGS: STARTING 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 9.15am -11.15 am.** Light REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE. The group leader is Lesley Sanders a senior worker for Catholic Care with many years of experience working with families. Lesley can offer advice or signpost you to support within the community. Mums, dads and grandparents welcome with your little ones. We ask for a £1 fee to help cover the cost of refreshments.

**Contact Lesley on 07739975015.** Leave a message and I will return your call. I look forward to meeting you all in the New Year.

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## 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!**

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



### This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through absence & lateness
Reception	96.5	2	32mins
Y1	91.7	2	5mins
Y2	87.2	3	1hr 7mins
Y3	91.3	2	31mins
<b>Y4</b>	<b>98.7</b>	4	1hr 15mins
Y5	97.7	2	28mins
Y6	98.1	7	2hrs 46mins
<b>Overall school %</b>	<b>95.0</b>		

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

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



### Panto Visit

Well done to all our pupils for their excellent behaviour throughout our trip to the Alhambra Theatre, last Friday! They were a credit to themselves and their families. The feedback from pupils has been overwhelming, they thoroughly enjoyed Aladdin and you must take a look at their amazing work on the dining hall display board! I would like to thank all the staff and additional adults, for their hard work and commitment to ensure the visit was an enjoyable experience for the children.

### Golden Table Winners

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

**Aleeza, Vinny, Jozef, Kevins, Bethany, Harris, Isobel**

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: **Helena, Alan, Vinny, Ayva, Ahmad, Ali, Femisola, Michaels, Hamza, Aaminah, Harris, Paige, Kacper, Laura**



Year 4 Prefects this week did a wonderful job **Aleks, Patryk, Bethany, Daniela, Dylan, Sahil, Hawwa, Funmilayo, Dorodka, Fizaa, Logan, Pavol, Jakub, Wiktorja.**

### Super fund Raisers!

A huge thank you for your generous contributions as always – money raised for selection boxes....for children in BRI during the festive period £128.30. Choir raised £213.36 singing Carols in Morrisons and this supported the Panto trip.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

