



St. William's Weekly News Round 18 January 2018

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

'Stay and Play' Reception Class Friday, 25th January 2019

Reception parents/carers are invited to come into school next Friday morning, to spend some time in the reception classroom. You will be able to see your child working in the: role play area, the outdoor and creative area; learning through their exploration of sand, water or dough as well as how they engage with resources to specifically promote language, mathematical and phonic skills. You will be able to help your child choose a new reading book in our recently opened Reception/KS1 Library and share a book with them. The Reception staff will model how they interact and engage your child in purposeful learning and will offer you strategies, if you would like them, to support your child's development at home. Mrs Vento, our school Parental Involvement Worker will also be available for you to meet and offer family support you may want.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Friday, 8.45am!

Confirmation

The next meeting for those parents/carers, whose children will be Confirmed, is **Sunday, 3rd February at St. William's Parish Hall at 10am.** At this meeting, Fr. Michael will finalise the details for the **actual ceremony on Friday, 8th February at St. William's Church at 7pm.** Bishop Marcus will celebrate this very important Sacrament for: **Martyna, Laura, Aleks, Isobel, Kacper and Marcel.** I ask you to keep these children in your prayers and please join us, with our parish community to support our children and their families on the 8th February.

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 22nd 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.

Reading Volunteers.

Any parent/carer, who would be willing to volunteer, one afternoon a week, 1-3.15pm, to read with pupils should see Miss Parker. You work with a pupil on a 1 to 1 basis to encourage and help children read their book and discuss reading in general. It is important that you will commit to a minimum of four sessions; but if you wish to continue longer, we would welcome your support. You are not required to write any written comments and children who reads with a school volunteer will be given a sticker, 'Today I read with a school volunteer'. Already three parents have started to do this and it is hoped that we can recruit more volunteers so that more children have the opportunity to read aloud to an adult as well as their teachers, during the course of the week. All support is gratefully received.

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	8.45am Reception Parents/Carers 'Stay and Play' NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Pupil Workshops Y5 10-11 Y6 11-12
06/01/19	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

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!

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



This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through absence & lateness
Reception	94.8	2	1hr 30mins
Y1	93.9	1	1min
Y2	91.4	4	50mins
Y3	93.7	4	41mins
Y4	98.3	5	1hr 35mins
Y5	98.5	3	25mins
Y6	99.1	3	1hr 50mins
Overall school %	96.0		

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!!!



Year 5 Movie Makers!

Mr Bleazard (ICT Innovation Centre) and Ms Moran (Networking Link Partnership) worked with y5 and Miss Nazir on Thursday afternoon and they taught the children different skills to use iMovie. Children were then able to use those skills to create movies about themselves, complete with images and audio recordings. The adults were all very impressed with their creative and technological skills.

Golden Table Winners

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

Danish, Sofia, Ali, Abu'Hurairah, Austeja, Urooj, Connor. 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, Zayyan, Hashim, Fabian, Emmanuel, Muntaha, Kasey, Dominik, Dorodka, Funmilayo, Harris, Maya, Reese, Madeeha.



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

Playground Buddies

Some of our year 5 pupils are currently undertaking training with Mrs Chippendale, to develop a leadership role, to support children if they need help playing with their friends and befriend pupils who are not engaged in play during lunchtimes. After this training they will be invited, to apply for this position, if they are happy to take this lunchtime responsibility, one day a week. I will shortly inform you of our successful applicants!