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## St. William's Weekly News Round

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

The next meeting for those parents/carers, whose children will be Confirmed, is **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at St. William's Parish Hall at 10am.**

At this meeting, Fr. Michael will finalise the details for the **actual ceremony on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Children, in y6 in the Autumn Term 2019, who have already received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, will be able to start the preparation course for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be celebrated in early 2020.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Parents of baptised Catholic **children in year 3** need to collect details (see the Parish bulletin this weekend) if they want their son or daughter to prepare for this Sacrament.

#### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Parents whose children completed the course and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year, when they were in year 3 and are **now in year 4** need to contact Fr. Michael and inform him of their wish for their child to prepare for this Sacrament. No child can receive two Sacraments in the same academic year.

#### 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. 

#### Library Areas for all pupils and New Reading Records

The library areas around school are now taking shape and KS1 and KS2 pupils now have access to a large range of new and attractive reading materials! I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Buttery, who has led the organisation of the libraries and all the staff that have supported and helped with this huge task. We endeavour to promote a love of reading as well as help your child to progress in the development of the essential reading skills that they need to become successful adults and prepared for further education and employment.

All children now have new reading records and the adults in school will be ensuring that they read frequently with your son/daughter. You will be able to read their comments to help you support your child with the next steps for progress with their phonics and emerging reading skills.

As they become more confident and fluent they are expected to discuss the text showing secure understanding of plot, character and the different styles/types of writing (stories, poems, plays and non-fiction/informative texts).

Key Stage 2 library areas will be completed in the next couple of weeks and pupils will also have access to research stations to use a variety of resources to learn about topics they are learning about in class and or are of personal interest to them. Please ask your children about their reading experiences in school.

### 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 read with a school volunteer will be given a sticker, 'Today I read with a school volunteer'. Already four 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.

**Thank you to all of you who attended this morning's Stay & Play in Reception Class and a BIG well done to all the adults in the Reception Team.**

#### Dates for your diary:

Every Friday	Achievement Assembly @ 2.45pm All welcome!
31/01/19	Music Concert 9am Hall Rec- y5
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

## 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 lateness
Reception	87.3	3	1hrs 45mins
Y1	91.1	2	15mins
Y2	86.2	1	25mins
Y3	93.1	3	20mins
<b>Y4</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>55mins</b>
Y5	88.1	3	35mins
Y6	94.4	2	1hr 5mins
<b>Overall school %</b>	<b>91.5</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!!!**



### Young Musicians – Year 4

The two peripatetic clarinet teachers have been really impressed by the pupils in Year 4. The children show tremendous enthusiasm to learn how to play this instrument and already they know several notes! We all look forward to the time when they can share their learning in a performance for all the school and you, their parents! Watch this space; I shall keep you informed.

### Golden Table Winners

This week these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during every lunchtime: **Alan, Aronas, Muntaha, Rayhan, Funmilayo, Rebeka, Martyna**. 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: **Wojciech, Semiloba, Emilia, Aronas, Semilore, Ruby, Tiana, Filip, Eurika, Krystian, Tomas, Sasa, Leonie, Reece**.



Year 4 Prefects this week did a wonderful job: **Miguel, Kuba, Gabriela, Oliwia, Govan, Dylan, Sehrish, Austeja, Logan, Callum, Mikaail, Hamza, Umme-Haani**.

### Traffic Management on Duncolme Road

Thank you to all our parents who park safely and avoid the zig-zag markings. It is a serious concern that some motorists are not as considerate and park dangerously, putting young lives at risk. Mrs Sprogis, our Parent Governor, has contacted the local Council and we are going to work together as a school community and parents to see if we can campaign for a reduction in the speed limit during school hours or introduce other methods to slow traffic and make it safer for our children. Do you have ideas? Suggestions to help? Please speak to Mrs Sprogis or a member of the school team.