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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, 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.

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 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. 

Children's Mental Health Week 4th- 8th Feb

Next week, there is a national children's mental health week, promoting how we all need to look after our children's emotional, social and mental well-being, 'Inside and Out'. Children in school are encouraged to discuss worries and concerns they have with an adult they trust. A useful website with a range of resources for parents and carers wanting to find out more on this subject should use:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

Internet Safety Day, Tuesday, 5th February.

Mr Clayton will lead a whole school assembly about how to be safe online and using the internet for our pupils in school. Increasingly, there is a need to make our children aware of how they can stay safe and what to do if they see something that upsets them. Should you want further information on how to help your son/daughter stay safe visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

There are a range of films, quizzes and information for parents/carers.

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.

Dates for your diary:

Every Friday	Achievement Assembly @ 2.45pm All welcome!
06/02/19	Y3 Educational Visit Cliffe Castle, Skipton
06/02/19	Reception Parents Stay & Play 2.30pm
08/02/19	Confirmation at St. William's Church at 7pm
11/02/19 13/02/19	Parent Consultations Mon 2.30-5pm Wed 3.30-6pm
15/02/19	School closes at 3.15pm
25/02/19	School re-opens at 8.45am

Adverse Weather Conditions

Can parents ensure contact details are up-to-date and use Bradford Council Website for information on any school closures due to bad weather conditions. Information is also broadcast on the local Pulse Radio.

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 lateness
Reception	87.5%	3	35mins
Y1	82.8%	3	15mins
Y2	88.5%	3	1hr 40mins
Y3	90.3%	2	30mins
Y4	98.3%	4	45mins
Y5	88.0%	2	1hr 20mins
Y6	90.0%	4	1hr 50mins
Overall school %	89.9%		

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!!!



Golden Table Winners

This week these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behaviour during every lunchtime: **Andreea, Emilia, Ahmad, Julia, Patryk, Bryan, Kacper**

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: **Danish, Ranaya, Hanna, Meida, Umayma, Rozalia, Tiana, Femisola, Jakub, Patryk, Natalia, Kamil, Jesika, Mason**



Year 4 Prefects this week did a wonderful job **Aleks, Patryk, Bethany, Austeja, Dylan, Sahil, Daniela, Funmilayo, Eurika, Fiza, Logan, Callum, Dorodka, Wiktoria.**

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.