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## St. William's Weekly News Round

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

#### Keeping Children Safe: Screen Time and Online Safety Awareness.

Our children have grown up with a variety of electronic devices at their fingertips. They struggle to imagine a world without televisions, smartphones, tablets, and the internet. The advances in technology mean that we as parents/carers, grandparents, teachers have to know how to protect our children and limit screen time. While digital devices can provide entertainment and support learning, unlimited screen time is harmful and can be very detrimental to their physical, social, emotional and mental health. Children watching television, without an adult present, is a serious concern; they can be exposed to a range of inappropriate images, subject matter, and language; even during daytime and early evening programmes. Children respond to what they see/hear in different ways and it is important that adults are in a position to know their child's response, if they are to keep them safe. Watching television or You tube and using other devices, late into the evening, can also prevent a good night's sleep; which is essential for good health.

Playing games on electronic devices can be addictive; there is evidence to support that the content of certain games can lead to adverse behaviour and attention difficulties, both of which, impact negatively, on learning. It is not just the content of games to consider; while playing online games children can interact with other players (often complete strangers) and are vulnerable to a range of abuse and threats of violence. It is very important, that as parents/carers of children, we know exactly what they are accessing and with whom they are talking to online and the content of their interactions, if we are to keep them safe.

#### Useful Tips to help parents/carers and children:

Check to see if your child is accessing age appropriate Apps, sites and content. Ensure that any privacy settings available are suitably configured. If a child comes across any content that is upsetting or threatening then ensure they know to report it immediately to a trusted adult. If necessary, the child or child and adult together can report and block the user where the communication originated. If the content originated from somebody the child knows then the child or child and adult together can make them aware of how the content has been upsetting and ask them to refrain from sharing such content in the future. As a parent, if your child has made you aware of content that you feel provides a threat to your child's safety then report it to the police or CEOP. Ensure your child is very careful whom they connect with online and whom they share personal information with, it is always a good idea to check with a trusted adult first.

#### Helpful websites for online safety

CEOP <http://www.ceop.police.uk>

Thinkuknow <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

NSPCC <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

#### Dates for your diary:

Every Friday	Achievement Assembly @ 2.45pm All welcome!
05/03/19	1pm Y3 Road Safety Talk
06/03/19	Ash Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Lent Mass 10am y1-y6 @ St. William's Church - All welcome
07/03/19	World Book Day Dress in pyjamas or as a character from a book. Assembly 2.30pm
Wk begun: 11/03/19	Science Week Exciting details to follow!!
12/03/19	Y6 Mass in Chapel with Fr Michael
26/03/19	Scholastic Book Sale

#### CSPTSA School Direct Open Evening

CSPTSA School Direct Open Evening will take place on March 7th @ 6.00pm at St Francis Catholic Primary School. It will provide information about our Early Years, Primary & Secondary training programme beginning in September.

Lenten Liturgy – Every Thursday, during Lent, at 8.20 – 8.35am, in the school chapel. All parents/carers, pupils & staff welcome to attend.



Lord, help us, to grow closer to You, this Lent.  
Amen

## ATTENDANCE

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!

New class awards for the class, with the best attendance, start this week. Prizes include the chance for pupils to win Games in the Hall, Jaffa Cakes, Fruit Kebabs. Mrs Vento will organise this for next Tuesday break time.



### This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through lateness
Reception	89.2	2	1hr 46 mins
Y1	92.2	1	2 mins
Y2	86.8	0	0
Y3	92.8	1	18 mins
Y4	90.3	4	50 mins
Y5	90.0	0	0
Y6	95.3	3	1hr 34 mins
Overall school %	91.2		

Outstanding Year 2 and Year 5 no lates this week. Come on Year 4 you can do it!

Well done everyone for trying.

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: Wojciech, Sofia, Lena, Michael, Mikaaail, Samuel, Marcel.

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: Lola, Ranaya, Teddy, Vinny, Kristians, Umayma, Jacqueline, Kevins, Bethany, Govan, Rebeka, Wiktorina, Kevin, Iqra.



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

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March



It marks the start of our journey to grow closer to God – the symbol of the ashes is significant, as it reminds us that we need to ask for God's grace and mercy. We turn away from our own selfish ways and try to strengthen our friendship with Jesus. Come and join us, at St. William's Church, 10am – All welcome.