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St. William's Weekly News Round 15 September 2023

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### Why do we practice Love of Learning?

It is part of the human condition, what it means to be human – to desire to know, to grow, to develop, to search for meaning and purpose. Of all of God's creation, humans have embedded with them, an innate desire to learn. It allows us to be open to the works of the Holy Spirit and the gift of knowledge. **"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths."** (Psalm 25:4) 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world,' Nelson Mandela famously said. Equally, Mortimer Adler claimed: 'The purpose of learning is growth. Our minds are unlike our bodies because our minds can continue growing.' May we all be open minded, give time to learning and seek the truth. **Have you viewed your child's Class Dojo page to see what your child is learning this half term?**

### Our 1<sup>st</sup> School Mass with Fr Darren!

A wonderful Mass to begin the new Academic Year with our new Parish Priest Fr. Darren, the children read beautifully, and Fr. Darren even commented on the reverence and exceptional behaviour of our children.



### St. William's Church News

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the children begins on Saturday at 10.30am St William's church. Preparation for Holy Communion will start next year, at Easter.**

**Catholic Care Coffee Afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> September 2:40-3:05pm – YOU will be most welcome!**

Lesley Sanders is our Catholic Care worker, a professional care worker, who comes into school

alternate Thursday afternoons, to support pupils and their parents for a variety of needs. She is a trusted adult who can offer and provide practical and emotional help. Please come and meet her to hear about her work and what she can offer families in our school community. Parenting can be challenging alone and with added pressured of the cost-of-living crisis you will be welcome to take time to come and have some time for yourself and enjoy a cuppa & chat!

### Support for food and help for financial assistance.

If you think your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact Mrs Fagan.

#### Also

Cafe West Healthy Living Centre

01274 488 499

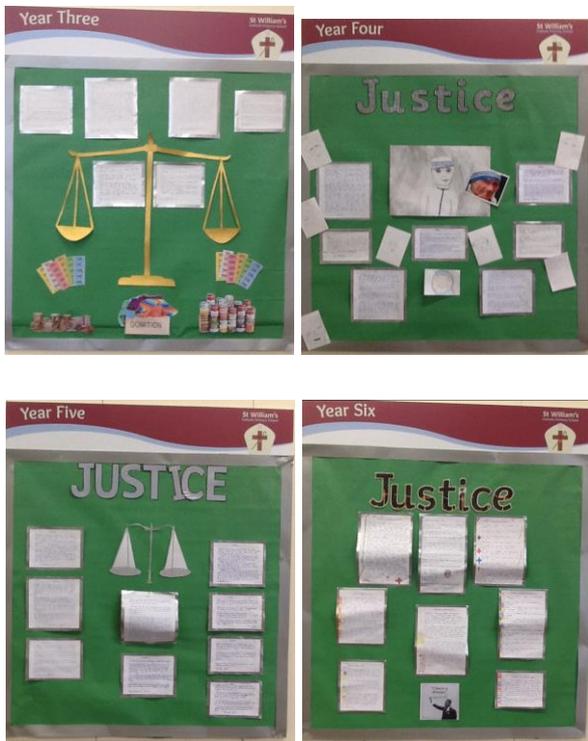
Info@cafewest.org.uk

Cafe West, Wanstead Crescent, Allerton, Bradford, BD15 7PA provide a range of services and help e.g., Emergency Bags – Working with Bradford Foodbank, hold several "Emergency food bags" distributed to those in real need.

### Our Amazing Learning Environments

Once again, the pupils' work and the adults' commitment to show case this, to create the best possible effect, is truly outstanding! I am very proud of the effort and high standard of work, about the virtue Justice, displayed in our hall. Well done to all our pupils and staff for their excellent efforts!





## St. Bede's & St. Joseph's



St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College

September 2023  
Dear Parent/Carer

### St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College Open Evening

Ignis (Lower School Site), Cunliffe Road BD8 7AP

We would like to invite you to our Open Evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 17:30 – 20:00, with Headteacher presentations at 17:45 and 18:45.

St Bede's and St Joseph's is an oversubscribed, co-educational school, founded in 2014 by the merger of the two single sex Catholic secondary schools in the city of Bradford; the boys school, St Bede's Catholic Grammar School in Heaton and the girls school, St Joseph's Catholic College in Manningham.

The College, with around 1900 students on roll, is the biggest Catholic school in the country. Our aim is to be the best Catholic school in the country by honouring the first stated aim of Cardinal Arthur Hinsley, the first headmaster of St Bede's Catholic Grammar School in 1900 who wished to provide for his students:

*'a thorough training in the knowledge and principles of the Catholic faith, combined with a secular education equal in every respect to the best public schools in England'*

Learning opportunities, pastoral care and the wealth of experiences that we offer beyond the classroom are all arranged to meet this aim whilst our pursuit of Christ-centred virtues in all aspects of College life enables us to form: 'happy, confident, spiritually awake, life-long learners'.

In short, we hope to build on the excellent work of our Catholic feeder schools in ensuring that there is excellent 3-18 Catholic provision in the City of Bradford.

We sincerely hope that you consider our College as your child's school of choice and look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, where we will have the opportunity to elaborate more fully on the exciting journey that this College is on.

Yours sincerely

Mr L.A. Bentley  
Headteacher

Aspiration Self Control Reflection Service Courage Autonomy

### Key Dates for your diary:

#### w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September Parent Reading Workshops

This is an opportunity for parents to visit their child's class and see pupils learning the essential skills they need to read and understand texts. EYFS/KS1 will share how pupils develop and apply phonic skills as early readers. In KS2 classes parents will be able to see how children develop comprehension skills and fluency.

**Parents' Consultations** Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:50pm & Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-5:20pm – Class teachers will share the children's work and identify strengths and targets to improve their personal development and learning.

### Secondary School Open Evenings:



# Open Evening

Wednesday 27 September 2023

5:30pm to 8:00pm

Headteacher's presentation at 5:45pm and 6:45pm

Ignis site, Cunliffe Road, Bradford, BD8 7AP.

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### Special Visitors to St. William's this week!

All the pupils were excited by Jo and her wonderful team on Tuesday... they especially enjoyed meeting Sigurd & Yogi who the children loved feeding and getting to know! There was a real buzz throughout the school, and we learned lots of amazing things about these beautiful creatures.



### Ash Class

Some very happy faces settling into Ash class!



## Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2023

All members of staff and governors complete annual safeguarding training but safeguarding children is everyone's business and I ask all of you to make it a priority to know how to protect and safeguard your child(ren). Read Part One and Annex Five of the document <https://www.gov.uk>.

### Contact details for parents/carers.

Please make sure that if you change your phone number you inform school staff. Following safeguarding recommendations, we need at least 2 accurate contact details in the event of an emergency; accidents do happen and there are times when we are not able to contact a parent because they have not kept us informed. Thank you.

### Attendance and punctuality are a huge part of keeping children safe and it is the law for schools to know why and where children are if they are not in school:

schools must report children absent from school, including parts of the day, not just absent days. As a result, systems for attendance are robust and all parents have a responsibility to inform school of their child's absence – make sure you TELEPHONE Mrs Gadd 1st thing in the morning if your child is absent. [Home visits are part of our Attendance procedures to check and do not be alarmed if safeguarding staff appear at your door.](#) As a parent you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends regularly. The details of parents with children who have unauthorised absence (including those who have taken unauthorised leave during term time) will be passed to Bradford Council, who could consider issuing a Penalty Notice or starting legal action. When a child meets Educational Neglect threshold then a referral to Children's Social Care can be made.

**Arriving on time is an essential life skill** and for safeguarding reasons we must lock the school gates at 8:55am – if you are arriving at that time you will have to go to the main entrance. Equally, as a school we respect parents need to collect the children from school at 3:15pm to collect other family members from other schools or colleges; we aim to be ready to hand the children to you at that time at the end of the day and not delay you.

### Late pick-up charges

**There is a late collection charge £1, per child, for every 5 mins you are late;** sadly, some parents have been persistently late and without good reason; taking the view that it is okay for school staff to take responsibility for children after the school day. Unfortunately, we do not offer childcare after 3:15pm and many staff finish at the same time the pupils leave. Congested traffic, a late taxi, forgetting the time, having a hair colour on at the hairdressers are not acceptable reasons to be late for your child. We are understanding, if there are exceptional reasons and it is not usual for you to be late and we appreciate a phone call from you if you are going to be late, it re-assures the child as well. After school teaching staff have meetings, work to do following the school day and in preparation for the next day. Thank you for your support with this.

Have you logged on to the National Online Safety website to help protect your child online?

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Parents, PLEASE monitor what child(ren) use(s) and who they have contact with online; to ensure we keep children safe and protected when they are using the internet. Check out the tips and advice for parents to keep yourself in the know! Here are some useful websites for further information to keep children safe online:

<https://www.onlinesafetyuk.com>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk>



More useful websites:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> ,

<https://childnet.com>,

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

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



### Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

**Anthony, Janaya, Phoebe, Enoch, Oracle, Emmanuel, Happiness, Sofia, Delvin and Keyaan**

### Hot Chocolate Friday:

**Amelia, McKenna, Jibrael, Pola, King, Olivia, Jeriel, Lola-Mae, Fredrick and Cassidy.**

### Virtue Certificates this week:

**Anchor, Anthony, Lochlan, Sylviane, Isabella, Connor, Hadassah, Alan, Kayla and Suzanna**

### Golden Table Monday:

**Aurelijus, Hoorain, Connor, Happiness and Shalom**

### 'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

**Nahom, Grayson, Miracle, Marcella, Olivia, Rumaisah, Bella, Kamsi, Keyaan and Fredrick**



**Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear**

**Enoch**

**Happy birthday to you!**

**Hope you have a special day.**

## Breakfast Club

**Breakfast Club**  
From 8am  
**MONDAY – FRIDAY**  
50p per day



Great opportunity for your child(ren) to socialise with their friends before school.

Breakfast Club opens every day at 8am, 50p per child per day. A lovely way to start the day! Please arrive before 8.30am - **book in advance every Friday for a place the following week via a dojo message to Mrs Gadd, Mrs Fagan, or Miss Parker!**

## Dates for your diary:

19/09	Holly Mass 10am church
21/09	Parents Tea/Coffee Afternoon
26/09	Lime Mass in church 10am
W/C 25/09	Oak Class – Phonics/Reading Workshop for Parents T.B.C.
W/C 25/09	Beech Class – Phonics/Reading Workshop for Parents T.B.C.
26/09	Holly Class – Reading Workshop for Parents T.B.C.
27/09	8.45 – 9.00am Ash Class – Phonics Workshop for Parents
29/09	you are welcome to join MacMillan Coffee morning and community event in school
03/10	10am Beech Class Mass in church
15/10	Sunday Family School Mass 11am in (readers etc)
16/10	Oak Class – Homework Projects to be handed in
16/10	Beech Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
16/10	Parent Consultation Evening
16/10	Holly Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
17/10	Lime Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
18/10	Parent Consultation Evening
20/10	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-Opens on Tuesday 31 October 2023

## P.E. Kits / Lessons

Please keep P.E. kits in school during term time, they will be sent home at the end of each term for washing.



**Ash Class Monday's,**  
**Oak Class Tuesday's & Wednesday's**  
**Beech Class Wednesday's**  
**Lime Class Thursday's**  
**Holly Class Friday Swimming**



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## Newsletter

### FACE THE NEW TERM!



#### FREE SESSION

Are they getting a good night? insomnia, screens & energy drinks  
Book Now - [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Thursday  
14th Sep  
18:30 - 20:30



#### Cannabis Awareness

Cannabis, how much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

Thursday  
21st Sep  
18:30 - 20:30



#### Anxiety Explained

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday  
28th Sep  
18:30 - 20:30



#### Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



Bradford District Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

School Immunisation Team  
Victoria Road  
Salthouse  
Bradford  
BD18 3LD  
Tel: 01274 221269

Dear parent/guardian,

It is time for your child's yearly flu vaccination!  
School Years: Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Why get your child vaccinated?

It helps keep your child safe from flu. Flu can be a nasty illness and sometimes causes serious problems such as a chest infection which can develop into pneumonia. It is a quick and simple nose spray.

Giving your child the flu spray will stop the spread. This will help keep friends and family safe. Older people and those with illnesses are most at risk if they catch flu from children.

The flu vaccination is free for your child. Flu viruses change, so even if they had it last year, they need it again this year.

[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu) has more information and tells you which children need the flu jab instead of the nose spray.

The nasal spray contains porcine/pork gelatine, is there an alternative?

Yes, we offer a flu injectable vaccine that DOES NOT contain pork gelatine (otherwise known as porcine gelatine). To consent to flu injectable, click no to the nasal flu vaccine and you will be given further options.

We do not give the alternative flu injectable vaccine in primary school sessions. To receive the flu injection for children in reception to year 6 you must contact us on 01274 221269 to arrange a Clinic Appointment.

How do you let us know you want your child to have the flu vaccination?

Please fill in one online consent form for each child, click on the following link:  
[www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu](http://www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu)

The code for your child's school is **BF14810Z**

Please fill it in as soon as you can to ensure your child gets vaccinated. Even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, please complete the form to let us know. We are due to visit your child's school on **Monday 27th November** access to the link will close 3 days before the session.

What if my child is absent?

If your child is away from school on the day, please contact us to book a clinic appointment. This vaccine is not offered by your GP unless your child is in an at-risk group.

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started steroid tablets for asthma after you return this form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service. If your child has this vaccination anywhere else, let the team know to stop them getting it again.

Call us on 01274 221269 if you have any problems or questions. The team will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,  
School Aged Immunisation Service

## Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 18/09/23

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MENU		WEEK 2			
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>MAINS</b>	Chicken Meatballs & Rice Vegetable Lasagne	Cheese & Onion Pasty Ratton Tomato Pasta	Roast Pork Loin Quorn Roast Japanese Style Veg Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Quorn Sausage in a Roll	Battered Fillet of Fish Salmon Fish Cake Savoury Roll
<b>SIDES</b>	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Spaghetti Hoops Crusty Bread Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads
<b>OTHER OPTIONS</b>	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pizzas Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pizzas Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pizzas Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Rice Pudding Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Decorated Iced Bun Freshly Prepared Fruit	Fruitcake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Muslin Sponge Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Shortbread Freshly Prepared Fruit

W/C  
24th Apr, 15th May,  
5th Jun, 26th Jun,  
17th Jul, 18th Sept,  
9th Oct

Suitable for...  
For full allergen & nutritional information head to <https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk> or scan the QR code:

FM SERVICES  
CITY OF BRADFORD

Have a lovely weekend,

See you all on

**Monday 18 September 2023**

at 8.45am.



Remember, it's **COOL** to be in **SCHOOL!**