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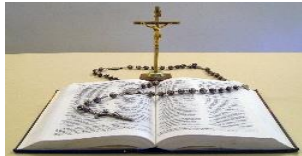


St. William's Weekly News Round 13 October 2023

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

October, the month of Mary, the mother of God.



Jesus wanted His mother to be our mother too. Mothers are always there for us, waiting, wanting, patient and loving. Mary was always there for Jesus when he needed her; full of compassion and understanding, ready to listen, quick to notice the needs of others and generous with her loving help. As our mother, we have complete trust in Mary's loving care and concern for us. We know we can always turn to her and ask her for help. Her closeness to Christ in life and her closeness to Him in heaven, give us enormous confidence in the power of her intercession, as she prays on our behalf. Take time today to pray:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

## Church News

### Sacramental Reconciliation Lessons.

**Today, 13th Oct & 17th Nov at 4:30-5:15pm at St. Matthew's School.** Attendance at all classes is essential for pupils to receive this holy sacrament. Thank you for your support.

### An invitation to you and your family:

Please join us at Mass at St. William's Church at **11am Sunday 15 October**. It will be a wonderful occasion for our pupils to join St. William's parishioners. **Pupils, wear your uniform with pride!**

## Parents' Consultations



Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's work from this half term and discuss their achievements and targets for further progress. Please arrive on time at the main entrance. **It would be highly**

appreciated if you complete a questionnaire before you leave.

### Wear it Yellow Day

## YOUNG MINDS

Thank you all for taking part, all monies raised will go to the charity Young Minds to ensure that this charity can continue their work fighting for young people's Mental Health. You raised **£129.51** - Thank you for your generosity!



To help with Mental Health spend 20 minutes having a conversation about mental health with your child. Here are some conversations starters you can use.

### Questions to ask your child

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## Harvest Thanksgiving

Next Wednesday we will celebrate a harvest thanksgiving liturgy and we are asking each child to bring **donations of one or two items each or three-five items per family**: Tins: baked beans, tinned tomatoes, peas, corned beef, Jars: tomato sauce, white sauce, chilli sauce, Other: tomato paste, sugar, coffee, long life milk, biscuits, crisps. All donations will be taken to The Franciscan Friars St. Patrick's Mission in the centre of Bradford to support their work to feed the homeless people in our city. **Thank you in anticipation of your support!**

### Firework Safety.



Thank you to PCSO Joe Allatt, who came to give a Bonfire & Firework Safety presentation to Lime & Holly Classes.



### Ash Class

Some of the children in Ash Class recreated their own collective worship. Destiny and McKenna made up their own songs all about how much Jesus loves us. Head on over to X (Twitter) to have a listen.



### Beech Class

Beech Class pupils supported each other in their reading skills lesson.



### Lime Class

It was a wonderful end to last Friday's Achievement Assembly as Lime Class treated us to a fantastic rendition of Mamma Mia!



Lime Class had fun making and using string telephones as part of their science work about how sound travels over a distance.



On Monday, Lime Class enjoyed learning to play the flutes to the Baby Shark tune. They sounded fantastic!



Lime class have been exploring the story of Jonah and the whale in RE and today the children enjoyed asking and answering questions about Jonah in a hot seating drama activity.



### Holly Class

Huge congratulations to our dancing superstar Elise who competed in the National Dance Finals and came 2nd in the UK! We are all so very proud of you!



## Road Safety



Just a reminder, it is a 20mph zone around school, please be vigilant when crossing the road, especially in between parked cars.

Please be considerate when parking, and **do not park on the yellow lines**. Thank you for keeping our children and families safe!



## After School Clubs

**Due to Parents' Consultations next Monday, there will be **NO** afterschool clubs on that day.**

**New forms for the After-School Clubs for Autumn 2023 will be sent home; however, there is limited spaces as our reserve lists were lengthy due to popularity, please check book bags from next Monday.**

**I will send a Dojo message to each child's parent confirming if a place is allocated or not.**

**Remember these are on a first come, first served basis and no guarantee for sibling places.**

## Weather



Please send your child/children prepared for our ever-changing weather conditions. Children must have a coat, preferably with a hood, every day, and suitable outdoor shoes. All children must bring a water bottle to school, this will help keep them hydrated during the day.



**Please clearly mark your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E. kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items.**

## Keeping Children Safe

### 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 children to be ready for home-time at 3:15pm to collect 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.

Did you know....		
If in a school year, a child is late every day by....	A child would have lost approximately....	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

## 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.org>,  
<https://www.internetmatters.org>

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



### Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:  
 Julian, Nahom, Lochlan, Pola, Frantiska, Taiwo, Jeriel,  
 Eva, Ife and Kayla.

### Hot Chocolate Friday:

Adriana, Daniel, Miracle, Abdul, Peace, Raheem,  
 Hakeem, Kamsi, Oliwia and Shalom.

### Virtue Certificates this week:

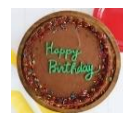
Semilore, Amelia, Hoorain, Abdul, Lidya, Ishioma,  
 Sofia, Eesah, Keyaan and Delvin

### Golden Table Monday:

Daniel, Sylviane, Rumaisah, Kamsi and Oliwia.

### 'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Destiny, Michael, Pola, Phoebe, William, Jeremiah,  
 Sebastian, Joel, Enoch and Keyaan.



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

**Esther, Ethan, Daniel, Daniel, Nahom**

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:

15/10	Sunday Family School Mass 11am St. William's Church
16/10	Oak Class – Homework Projects to be handed in
16/10	2.50pm Ash Class Music Performance to Parents
16/10	Beech Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
16/10	Parents' Consultations Evening 3:30-5:50pm
16/10	Holly Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
17/10	Lime Class - Homework Projects to be handed in
18/10	Parents' Consultations Evening 3:30-5:20pm
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 Friday's**

**Beech Class Wednesday's**

**Lime Class Thursday's**

**Holly Class Friday Swimming**

## Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 16/10/23.

St William's Catholic Primary School				
WEEK 3				
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>MAINS</b>				
Chilli & Rice Cheese Pasta Bake	Cheese & Onion Pan Vegetable Pasty	Sausage in a Bun Soya Mince Cottage Pie Italian Tomato Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Tortilla with Julienne of Veg	Fish Fingers Mexican Burrito
<b>SIDES</b>				
Garlic Bread Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Spaghetti Hoops 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 Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
<b>DESSERTS</b>				
Lemon Shortcake Fruit Jelly	Decorated Plain Sponge Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Cracknel Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Oat Cookie Freshly Prepared Fruit

## Secondary School Applications for pupils in Y6.

Secondary School Applications to be  
**completed by 31 October 2023 online.**

If you require any help, please contact the school office  
to make an appointment.

Are you trying to manage some  
angry behaviour?



## UNDERSTANDING ANGER

23rd October 2023. 6:30-8:30pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE  
giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining  
what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Book online now £24 [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Have a lovely weekend,  
See you all on  
Monday 16 October 2023  
at 8.45am.**



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