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St. William's Weekly News Round 10 November 2023

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

Jesus warns us BE READY to welcome Christ again, into our world, our hearts and minds!



In the Gospel reading this weekend Jesus tells us a parable to teach us about the kingdom of heaven, using 10 Bridesmaids, whose job it is to greet the bridegroom, to help us understand the importance of being prepared! No one when the bridegroom would arrive and for the bridesmaid who had prepared and brought enough oil for their lamps, even if it grew late, they were ready!

As friends of God, we have to live our lives so that we are ready to greet Jesus when He returns into our world, so we are not caught out like the foolish bridesmaids! This means trying to live each day in the loving way Jesus showed us.

**Loving Father,
Listen to the prayers of Your children.
And answer them according to Your will.
Keep us close to Your love,
And ever ready to greet Christ when He returns in glory.
Amen**

Church News

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.

REMEMBRANCE liturgy/assembly

We had a wonderful whole school liturgy on Wednesday for Remembrance Day, followed by a beautiful rendition of Christ be our light.



Maths Workshops!

Thank you, parents, for visiting your child's class. We are all very proud of our pupils and their mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding. Super work!



Facilities Management – School Meal Caters

Thank you to Damian and the team from FM Services for highlighting the importance healthy eating and having a balanced diet.



Harvest

As you may recall, you kindly donated food to be sent to St Patrick's Mission to support their work with the homeless and hungry people in Bradford. On Tuesday we were visited by Brother Johnathan Maria and his colleague Ms Carroll whom attend our liturgy so we could give your donations. They were truly amazed and wanted to personally give their 'thanks' to you all.



Lime Class

The children in Lime class made a good start to learning the tune of Classroom Rock during their flute lesson. Keep it up!



Holly Class

Holly class thoroughly enjoyed their singing session with Mr Rodriguez and a big well done to our singing superstars!



Holly class started their DT unit on frame structures.



Holly class reflecting on the differences between justice and injustice in RE.



REMINDER - Flu Vaccination

Dear parent,
Your child is now eligible for their Flu vaccination, as part of the National Programme for Vaccination.

Please click the following link to complete an E-Consent form for your child to receive this vaccination:

www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/forms/Flu

And this is the School code you will need: BF148102

The online consent form link will close 3 working days before your school's session date. (21st Nov)

Many Thanks

School Immunisation Team

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>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as MTTX) are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content, such as new levels. A popular subset of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items from characters within a game or other digital product. Microtransactions can be used to buy virtual items (in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?** Microtransactions for loot boxes have been likened to gambling. Loot boxes are randomised virtual items that can be purchased with real money. The loot box mechanic is a form of gambling, as the user does not know what they will receive. This means that young people could be exposed to gambling-like mechanics without realising it. This could lead to them becoming addicted to the game and spending more money than they intended to.
- ADDICTIVE NATURE** Microtransactions (and loot boxes) could lead to young people developing compulsive behaviour. This is because loot boxes are designed to be addictive. The user does not know what they will receive, which creates a sense of anticipation. This means that young people could become addicted to the game and spend more money than they intended to.
- PAYING TO WIN** In many digital games (the F2P or free-to-play model), players are often required to pay to win. This means that young people could be exposed to gambling-like mechanics without realising it. This could lead to them becoming addicted to the game and spending more money than they intended to.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- DO YOUR RESEARCH** It's important to know if a game or app is suitable for your child. Check the ESRB or PEGI rating. Also, check if the game or app has microtransactions. If it does, check what the microtransactions are for and how much they cost.
- CHAT ABOUT CHANCE** It may help to explain to your child that microtransactions are a form of chance. They are not guaranteed to give you what you want. Explain that if you want to win, you need to pay. This is a form of gambling. Talk to your child about how much they are spending. Set a limit on how much they can spend. Talk to your child about how much they are spending. Set a limit on how much they can spend.
- GIFT CARDS ON THE TABLE** If you're looking at games or apps, consider if you could give your child a gift card. This way, you can control how much they are spending. Gift cards are a good way to limit spending. They are also a good way to teach your child about budgeting.
- STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE** You might decide that the best strategy is to remove the potential for microtransactions in your child's life. If so, remove games, apps, and devices from settings to help you manage what your child can spend. It's also a good idea to remove loot boxes, if you can. This will help you manage what your child can spend. It's also a good idea to remove loot boxes, if you can.
- WATCH FOR THE SIGNS** If you're worried that your child is playing a game or app that has microtransactions, watch for the signs. Signs include: spending more money than you thought they would; playing for longer than you thought they would; and becoming upset when they can't afford to buy more items. If you see these signs, talk to your child about their spending. Set a limit on how much they can spend.

Meet Our Expert

Lucy Pugh is a professional safeguarding practitioner with over 10 years' experience in child protection. She is a member of the National Online Safety team and has been involved in many projects to raise awareness of online safety. She is also a speaker at many events and has written many articles on online safety.

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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:

Grayson, Kyron, Iyaan, Chidubem, Lidya, Isabella, Lola-Mae, Eesah, Ethan and Esther.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Destiny-Rae, Grayson, Juraj, Mario, Kacper, Emmanuel, Danielle, Alan, Megan and Emilia.

Virtue Certificates this week:

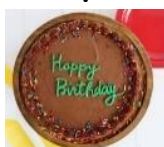
Daniel, Doretta, Kaima, Marcella, Riley, Rumaisah, Danielle, Ralfs, Romana and Hashim.

Golden Table Tuesday:

Kyron, Mario, Kacper, Eva, Keyaan and Fredrick.

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Tymon, Aurelijus, Sylviane, Pola, Oskar, Lidya, Bella, Jaden, Hashim and Ayra.



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

Shalom

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:

12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
14 Nov	Wear it Blue for Diabetes Day

	50p per child £1 per family
16 Nov	Relationships/Sex Education / Protected Characteristics and Gangs / Knife Crime / Grooming / Sexual Harassment and Sexual abuse – a parents meeting to discuss what we teach in schools. 2.45pm.
16 Nov	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
23 Nov	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
23 Nov	Autumn Concert at SBSJ 5.30pm Rehearsal Concert 7 – 8pm further details to follow.
26 Nov	Family Mass at St. William's Church 11am
30 Nov	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
7 Dec	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
11 Dec	Beech Class Homework Project due in.
12 Dec	Oak Class Homework Project due in.
14 Dec	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
14 Dec	Carol Service at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 40 Pakington Street, Bradford, BD5 7LD all welcome time T.B.C.
15 Dec	Holly Class Homework Project due in.
18 Dec	Ash & Oak Nativity (PM) time T.B.C.
19 Dec	KS2 Carol Service in Church 2pm
19 Dec	Lime Class Homework Project due in.
20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch & Class Parties
20 Dec	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-opens Thursday 4 January 2024

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 13/11/23.

St William's Catholic Primary School					
WEEK 3					
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
MAINS	Sticky Chicken Mac n Cheese Halal Pasta Bolognese Soya Mince Bolognese	Minced Beef & Onion Pie Cheese & Potato Flan	Braised Sausage Halal Chicken Ball Braised Quorn Sausage	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos	Battered Fillet of Fish Southern Fried Quorn Burger
SIDES	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Baked Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads
OTHER OPTIONS	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
DESSERTS	Decorated Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Out Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Crumble Yoghurt Freshly Prepared Fruit	Milkshake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Shortbread Freshly Prepared Fruit



World Diabetes Day

Wear it
'BLUE DAY'



TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2023

50p per child
or

£1 per family

Thank You

Wear an item of clothing in Blue: is a non-uniform day. £1 per family or 50p per child, all monies raised will go to raise awareness of diabetes that affects millions of people across the globe.
Thank you in advance of your generosity!

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sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

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Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

03303 530 541

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Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

Have a lovely weekend,

See you all on

Monday 13 November 2023

at 8.45am.



Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!