





St. William's Weekly News Round 24 November 2023

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD The Solemnity of Christ the King 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Nov We want the world to know Jesus is King of Kings!



"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me". Jesus commanded us to love one another as He loves us. In the Gospel this weekend Jesus reminds us that this love should be unconditional and freely shared with everyone. Each loving gesture we make or kind word we utter will bring us closer to the perfect kingdom, because whatever to do for others we do for God. If we use our hearts to 'look' at people around us and search to 'see' God's love living inside them, then we will be able to love as Jesus loves us and expects us to love one another.

Loving Father,

# Open our eyes to see your loving face in places we have not looked before,

Help us to be reflections of your love around us. Amen.

## St. William's Church News:

There is a meeting for the children and parents who have attended the Sacrament of Reconciliation Classes on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at St. William's Church to practice what they need to do on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec time to be confirmed.

# An invitation to you and your family:

Please join us at the School Family Mass at St. William's Church at **11am Sunday 26 November 2023, to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.** It will be a wonderful occasion for our pupils to lead our parish in worship. Thank you for your support in advance.

Pupils, wear your uniform with pride!

**Ofsted Report** – please see Class Dojo and the school website to read the report 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023.

## Poppy Appeal

St William's Primary School. 2023

Dear Headteacher.

Dear pupils, parents, teachers and support teams in School. A very big 'Thank You' from everyone here in our Poppy Appeal at Thornton Royal British Legion to everyone in your school who worked with us to make The Poppy Appeal be as successful as possible this year.

We know you have all on to make sure education and care happens at school and so we are so impressed that you can still do this for others.

We have had a good response to the Poppy Appeal overall and it is fair to say that times, as we know, are tough and that affects what we can do but I also know that charity shines through – without that we can do nothing practical.

We have managed to get around all our local villages and the District including Girlington, Fairweather Green, Leaventhorpe, Allerton, Thornton, Queensbury, Denholme and Cullingworth.

We are most grateful for your hard work in making this happen in your school and educating the children about conflict and what it really means. We thank you for all the collecting that volunteers, staff and pupils did, and in the local District the total donations were of £13,024. Our schools played a great major part in that, in fact you were able to work to donate in the most difficult of conditions.

#### St William's Primary School donated the sum of <u>£33.20</u>

Best regards to all, we hope you have a safe time at school, till we meet again,

Mike Herbert - Poppy Appeals Organiser, Thornton R.B.L

## Beech & Holly Class Mass

Thank you Fr. Darren for the Mass to celebrate the presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Tuesday 21 November - the children read beautifully.



#### **BCWCAT Autumn Concert**



Congratulations to Ella, Oliwia, Delvin, Vania, Elise, Cassidy, Kayla, Ranaya, Amaya, Sofia, and Jethro who performed impressively at the concert last night. We are very proud of you all and Mr Perkington and Mr Rodriguez were amazed by your efforts. I extend my appreciation to our Singing Specialist Teachers, Daniel and Craig and the parents who supported this to happen. Thank you!

#### **Prayer Garden**

Mr Bullock, professional artist, came into school to paint the murals in our prayer garden, with the children from

Oak class, they enjoyed helping.



#### **Beech Class**

Beech Class investigating if the biggest instrument makes the loudest noise.



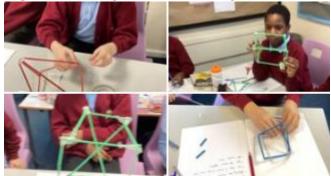
## **Lime Class**

Lime Class enjoyed learning how to build simple electrical circuits in science.



#### **Holly Class**

We have some architects in the making as Holly Class spent the afternoon looking at frame structures and began constructing 3D structures using straws.



Holly class investigating whether the size of an object's shadow can be changed.



#### 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**

#### Attendance and Punctuality sits in Safeguarding.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer, Molly Searle, met with me (Miss Parker) Tuesday, 14/11/23. She will be working closely with our school family to ensure that parents/carers fulfil their legal duty to ensure their child has good attendance and punctuality. Poor attendance and punctuality negatively impact

learning, personal development, and friendships. Ms Searle will monitor school records for poor attendance and persistent late arrival. We must ALL work in partnership to champion the needs of our pupils, to be on time, is to be ready and an important life skill for the world of work.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer will attend meetings with parents/carers for Attendance, whose children meet Persistent Absence (PA) threshold. Ms Searle will also contact parents whose children are close to falling below PA, to alert them and help them improve this quickly to avoid any further action. Please ask me (Miss Parker) for further information should you have any questions. Thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality. 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 webiste 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



## **Class teachers' Achievement Awards:**

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners: Ethan, Michael, Sylviane, Chidubem, Isla-Grace, Kenny, Hakeem, Bella, Cassidy and Win

#### Hot Chocolate Friday:

Ewa, Daniel, Enoch, Gerald, Karolina, Connor, Pawel, Amelia, Kayla and Ethan.

#### Virtue Certificates this week:

Doretta, McKenna, Kaima, Prince, Daniel, Oracle, David, Sebastian, Nicola and Faith.

Golden Table Tuesday: Nahom, Phoebe, Riley, Pawel and Megan

#### 'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Greyson, Amelia, Harper, Sylviane, Ramina, Claire, Danielle, Eesah, Win and Hashim.



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

> Happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

# **Breakfast Club**



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:

26 Nov	Family Mass at St. William's Church
	11am
27 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation
30 Nov	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop
	08.45 – 09.00am
5 Dec	9.00am Meeting for Oak Class parents about
	Year 2 Teaching and Learning and
	arrangements for KS1 SATs May 2024.
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

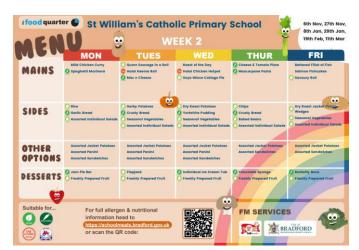
#### P.E. Kits / Lessons

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 20/11/23.



Have a lovely weekend, See you all on Monday 27 November 2023 at 8.45am.

Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!





# Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities?

If so, our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) teams can offer specialist advice and support on:

- sleep
- emotional wellbeing
- toileting
- development
- · signposting to sensory resources
- and much more ...

We work closely with Health Visitors and School Nurses - why not come and meet the teams in person at a drop-in session? Check the dates and venues below and come and say hello – we'd love to meet you!

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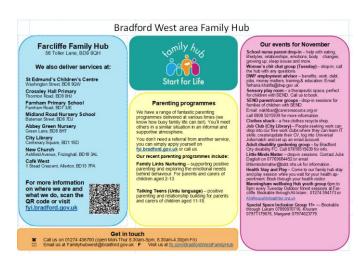
Farcliffe Family Hub, Bradford, BD8 8QH Drop in and see us from 10.00am - 12.00am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



On the following dates there are 'Coffee Morning - Drop Ins' at

Farcliffe Family Hub for SEND Parent/Carers where parents can ask about Housing, Debt, there is also 8 educational psychologists who maybe available to do mini assessments, these are very popular, therefore you need to get in early!

Here are the dates for 2024 10.30am to 12 noon Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Learn more about the support offered by your local family hub Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – SENDIAS will be discussing their work. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July



### West Family Hub - December timetable

