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St. William's Weekly News Round 5 January 2024

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

Thank you for raising **£232.60** during advent for the Bradford Toy Library at St Luke's Hospital. Well done, everyone! Thank you for your generosity.



I, and all the staff at St. William's School want to wish you all a very safe, peaceful and healthy 2024.



The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated this weekend, 6th & 7th January. This celebration marks the end of the Season of Christmas and focuses on the Wise Men who travelled, following a star in the sky, to see baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph during the First Christmas. The word 'Epiphany' means 'showing' or 'revelation' and we celebrate, that on this very day it was revealed to the world, that Jesus Christ, is God; and that He came into our world to save all people from sin. It is a time to reflect on Jesus the King, Jesus, the Lord, God and Jesus, our Saviour (making the ultimate sacrifice to suffer and die for all humanity). The Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and we reflect that, today, we can give Jesus, the greatest gift of all, the gift of ourselves to God. *Let us pray: Loving Father, watch over your children as we journey through life. Keep us close to your love, so that others may know you. Grant this through Christ, Your Son. Amen.*

Pantomime Time!



A well-deserved treat for the whole school! All the pupils and staff will enjoy a visit to Alhambra Theatre to see Cinderella, for the matinee performance, at 2pm on **Wednesday 17 January!** This is a special gift for our wonderful pupils, and we are NOT asking for any financial contribution from parents due to economic pressures, because of the cost-of-living crisis. **Parents must make arrangements to collect child(ren) later at 4.30pm from school. Further details will follow shortly!**

Plumber Drummer

Thank you to Mr Robinson for coming and performing for us on yesterday, starting our year off with a bang, with some awesome music, using pipes and flip-flops – head on over to X (previously Twitter) where you will enjoy the music, just as much as we did.



Happy News to share...



Congratulations to Mrs & Mr Smith, who had their very special delivery over the festive period – a little boy! We wish them all the best. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Packed Lunches



Emma and the kitchen team provide a variety of delicious and nutritious meals that many staff and visitors regularly enjoy, with the children! School dinners currently cost £2.10 per day and £10.50 per week. **Please, contact Mrs Fagan, if you think you might be eligible for free school meals for your son/daughter.** Alternatively, parents can provide a packed lunch for their child in a Lunch Box.

Advance Notice

Parents' Consultations will take place **Monday, 5th 3:30-5:50pm and Wednesday, 7th February 2024 3:30-5:20pm.**

Catholic Care

St. William's School has commissioned the services of Catholic Care to provide support for children, young people and their parents who may, at any one time, experience difficulties that arise through changes to family circumstances: separation, loss, physical and emotional upset. Lesley Sanders, the Catholic Carer worker who visits our school, every other Thursday afternoon, is a trusted professional who is supportive, therapeutic and confidential, if you wish to make an appointment to see Lesley, please contact the school office 01274 545743.

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 be aware that if there is a closure due to snow and ice conditions this will be shared on Bradford Schools Online website, Class Dojo and Pulse Radio. **Please clearly label your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E.kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items – thank you for your support with this matter.**

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.

Please also be aware that parents should never collect their child during the school day because of childcare issues or for the child to attend appointments that are for a parent or sibling. As part of attendance procedures, we must record children missing during the school day.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

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 10 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, in town shopping, 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 matter.

Parent workshops - visit your child's class and observe/participate in one R.E. lesson with your son or daughter.

You are invited to come into school and see children learning Religious Education and look at their amazing work next week or the w/c 15th January – please see the school diary section in this newsletter and view your child's Class Dojo page for a reminder! Parents of pupils in Lime Class will be notified next week of the workshop.

I know you will be very impressed by the quality of their learning of world faiths and the impressive religious literacy that they use confidently and with deep understanding.

Please arrive 5-10mins in advance and at the main entrance. Thank you for your prompt arrival to support all leading these workshops.



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>

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:

09/01	2.40pm R.E. Workshop for Parents - Holly Class
10/01	2.40pm R.E. Workshop for Parents - Oak Class
11/01	2.40pm R.E. Workshop for Parents - Ash Class
15/01	Reception Applications for September 2024 Closing Date
15/01	2:40pm R.E. Workshop for Parents - Beech Class
16/01	10am Beech Class Mass at St William's Church
17/01	Whole School Pantomime at Bradford Alhambra - Cinderella
23/01	10am Lime Class Mass at St William's Church
28/01	11am Family Mass at St William's Church all welcome
30/01	10am Holly Class Mass at St William's Church

30/01	Oak Class Art Morning with Tony Bullock
05/02	11.30 Chess Tournament at SBSJ (Invited pupils only)
06/02	Ash Class Art Morning with Tony Bullock
09/02	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-Opens Monday 19 February 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 08/01/24.

iFood Quarter		St William's Catholic Primary School				
		WEEK 2				
		MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
MAINS	Mild Chicken Curry Spaghetti Marinara	Queen Sausage in a Roll Halal Keema Roll Mac n Cheese	Roast of the Day Halal Chicken Hotpot Soya Mince Cottage Pie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mascarpone Pasta	Battered Fillet of Fish Salmon Fishcakes Savoury Roll	
SIDES	Rice Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Herby Potatoes Couscous Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Yorkshire Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Couscous Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	
OTHER OPTIONS	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pansies Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pansies Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pansies Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	
DESSERTS	Jam Pie Bar Freshly Prepared Fruit	Fragrant Freshly Prepared Fruit	Individual Ice Cream Truck Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Butterfly Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit	

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

2023/2024 Academic Year Holiday's

Aug 2023							Sep 2023							Oct 2023							Nov 2023						
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Key: Bank Holiday (light blue), Occasional Day (yellow), Training Day (orange), Statutory (green)



Parent/Carer Support Group

About Us:

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Next Parents Support Group details: Tuesday 16th January 2024
Topic: "Supporting your child: Low Mood".

Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health

Tuesday
16th January

10:30am or
7:30pm

Held on Zoom
Please email the
address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: LOW MOOD



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be discussing the close relationship between low mood and sleep difficulties and the impact on sleep. We will also look at strategies and ways of managing low mood for children and young people.

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FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The FDP is the first stage for players to enter our 'pathway', here at Bradford City. With a number of players progressing from the FDP into the academy development centres, select squads and academy, we are a great way for young players to start their journey at the football club.

SIGN UP

The FDP runs weekly, with a games programme set to be introduced in the new year. We have ages from under 8's through to under 18's, with a clear pathway from the FDP into the Academy.

Sessions dates, times and venues are as follows:

U5s-U7s: Friday, 5-6pm at Carlton Bolling School (Bradford)

U8's, U9's, U10's: Monday, 6-7pm at Carlton Bolling School (Bradford)

U11's + 12's: Tuesday, 6-7pm at Bradford College

U13's + 14's: Tuesday, 7-8pm at Bradford College

U15's: Tuesday, 8-9pm at Bradford College

U16's + U18's: 8-9pm at Carlton Bolling School (Bradford)

Sessions are £7.50 per session, paid at the start of every month



Children

Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. A decent night's sleep will help them to do better at school, allow them to react more quickly to situations, have a more developed memory, learn more effectively and solve problems, plus it will make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments, less irritable and better behaved! For more information, from bedtime routines to relaxation tips to teenager support, follow the web address below.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

Have a lovely weekend,

See you all on

Monday 8 January 2024

at 8.45am.



Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!