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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



St. Augustine once said, 'In the Old Testament the New is concealed and in the New Testament the Old is revealed'. In Sunday's Gospel we reflect on an incident in the Book of Numbers (21:4-9) with Moses, that reveals Christ's mission to be the Saviour and Light of the World.

'Son of Man' is a phrase used to describe Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus would be raised up on Good Friday when He was nailed to a cross and crucified. Both Moses and Jesus acted in obedience to God's will; one lifted the serpent in the desert and the other, lifted His life on the cross.

At the time of Moses and Jesus, the Israelites had allowed sin to take hold of their hearts and minds, which destroyed their loving relationship with God. Moses lifted the serpent and God lifted His Son. These images show that sin was destroying their lives and how God would save His people. The Son of Man was lifted and became the source of healing for all who believe in Him. Christ our Saviour willingly carried the sins of the world with Him to Calvary and as He was put to death on the cross, they died too.

**Jesus said whoever believes in Him will have eternal life.** As Jesus died, all our wrongdoings and sins died with Him; as He rose to new life, we are reborn with Him. Jesus often referred to Himself as 'the Light' who had come to shine in the darkness of our sinful world and show us the way back to God. He calls us to be children of the light.

Let our love for Jesus, shine in our lives today, flooding our hearts so that the darkness of sin and selfishness can have no place in our lives, as we choose to follow God's way instead of our own.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice," for the truth is: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. God

loves us so deeply that He hopes we will follow the true light of His beloved Son. God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Today, Jesus offers us the opportunity for conversion and healing so that we can be truly one with God.

**Let us pray,**

**Help us to live as children of light,**

**Shining out in the darkness and touching**

**the lives of others with the warmth of your love.**

**Amen.**

### Church Information:

Please contact Fr Jones directly if you want your son or daughter to be baptised. You can attend Mass on Saturdays at 6pm or Sundays at 11am at St. William's Church and speak to him after Mass or telephone the presbytery 01274 542534 (avoid contacting Fr Jones on Mondays, he is not available).

Please see the arrangements below for preparation of First Holy Communion (for those children who have already been baptised and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession); and again if you think you will be away for the **First Holy Communion Mass, on Sunday, 2nd of June, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrating the Sacrament of the Body & Blood of Jesus**, then speak directly to Fr Jones to make sure that your child can attend the classes for preparation and then agree another date for them to receive this for the first time. Thank you!

### Sacramental Preparation Information

First Holy Communion Preparation course details for those preparing for their First Holy Communion. Father Jones has put the following details in the Parish Newsletter.

**Session 1** – Friday 19 April at 4.15pm at St Matthew's School

**Session 2** – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William's School.

**Session 3** – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

**Session 4** – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

**Session 5** – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

**Session 6** – Saturday 1 June at 10am in St. William's Church to practice for the Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 10 March Mothering Sunday and School Family Mass at St. William's Church 11am**

You are warmly invited to attend a special Mass where our pupils will lead the readings and offertory procession.

Pupils please come and wear your school uniform with pride! **There will be an extra treat for all those, present in church, in our families who 'mother us' – Mums, Grandmas, Aunties and maybe a Dad who is Mum too!**



### **Retirement News**







Mrs Buttery retires on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March and I am sure like me, you will want to wish her all the very best and show appreciation to her for all she has done for the children, members of staff, governors, BCWCAT Trust since she joined our school family on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. She will be greatly missed, and I want to extend my personal gratitude to her for her friendship and the huge contribution she has made in the school development during this time. Her dedication, commitment to serve our children so they achieve the best learning outcomes and maximise their personal development cannot be underestimated. Mrs Buttery, you deserve every happiness in this next chapter of your life and our prayers and love go with you. All parents are warmly invited to a special Mass of thanksgiving on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in St. William's Church.**

Mrs Naik, our Chair of Local Academy Council (governors) also retires from this role next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March and again I want to say a huge thank you for all she has done to support our parish, the pupils, staff, governors, and Trust since March 2013! Her service, on behalf of Bishop Marcus, has been unrelenting and her personal support to me has been most generous, particularly in the school improvement developments we have made to achieve 2 Good Ofsted judgements in 2019 and 2023. We thank you, Mrs Naik and know, you too, go with our love and prayer. I will inform you of the interim Chair and Vice Chair in next week's newsletter. **If any parent is interested in the role of parent governor and would like to join St. William's Local Academy Council, please do not hesitate to speak to me (Miss Parker) directly. Thank you.**

### **From Summer Term**

Mr Clayton will be our Assistant Headteacher from 1<sup>st</sup> April and Mr Ayub will teach Lime Class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mr Ayub has provided supply teaching across our school and for fixed periods in Lime Class to cover absences and so already has established positive relationships with our pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to speak to me regarding the above news.

## **LENTEN FUNDRAISING**

CLASS	DATE	WHERE	EVENT
 <b>ASH</b>	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	How many sweets in a jar? 20p a go
 <b>OAK</b>	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Guess how many cubes in the jar? 20p a go
 <b>BEECH</b>	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Treasure Hunt - 20p a go
 <b>LIME</b>	1 Week Only Commencing 18/03/24	Under Shed	Biscuit Sale - 50p a biscuit
 <b>HOLLY</b>	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Name the Easter animal - 20p a go
 <b>Whole School</b>	Ongoing	Throughout School	Easter Raffle 20p each or £1 for a Strip

## **LENTEN FUNDRAISING Easter Egg Raffle 20p a ticket £1 for a strip**



### **Sublime Science Workshops**

Thank you Cosmic Catherine for coming into school on Tuesday to show the children some excellent science experiments. They all found it fascinating, and we're excited to take part.







It has been a wonderful taster for British Science Week which is next week!

### World Book Day

Well done everyone for taking part, you were amazing! It was wonderful to see you **celebrate your love for reading** and enjoy all the reading activities. Reading is **Fundamental** to all learning so keep this up!

Holly Class took part in the World Book Day, BBC Live lesson.



Beech Class enjoyed their virtual world book day lesson with BBC Bitesize.



The children entered the fun of the day wearing a range of clothes for their favourite character or from a much-loved book!





## R.E.

On Tuesday in RE, in Beech Class the children explored God's forgiveness. They discussed how, when we say sorry, Jesus washes away our sins and loves us so much He wants us to turn back to His ways and commandments.



## Beech Class

Last Friday, Beech Class conducted market research of dips available to buy in supermarkets.



## 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 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, 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.

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:

Tymon, Aurelijus, Amaan, Muhammad, Zoe, Zidan, Hadassah, Sofia, Olivia, and Enoch

### Hot Chocolate Friday:

Anhiam, Tymon, Iyaan, Pola, Ramina, Lou, Bella, Sebastian, Elise and Nicola.

### Virtue Certificates this week:

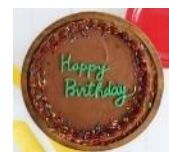
Koneliusz, Nahom, Abubakar, Phoebe, Anna, William, Kathrine, Alan, Ethan and Vania.

### Golden Table Tuesday:

Amelia, Nina, King, Sebastian, and Faith

### 'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Doretta, Kiyan, Amaan, Sylviane, Karolina, Isabella, Arzo, Bella, Win and Emilia.



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

**Kiyan and Adriana**

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:

10/03	11am Family Mass – Mothering Sunday All Welcome
19/03	SATs information parents meeting 2.45pm
19/03	EYFS/KS1 St. Joseph's Day Liturgy with Fr Jones in school
19/03	KS2 Sacrament of Reconciliation in school Chapel
20/03	Sponsored Walk – CAFOD Appeal to support those in war torn countries
25/03	Holy Week Liturgies 25/03 Ash & Oak Palm Sunday, Mass 10am on 26/03/24 – all parents welcome, 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Beech Class the Last Supper/Jesus Arrest, Lime & Holly Passion & Crucifixion of Jesus
25/03	Oak Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Beech Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Lime Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Whole School Mass at St. William's Church
27/03	Holly Class Homework Project to be returned
28/03	School Closes at 3.15pm and <b>re-opens on Tuesday 9 April</b>
19/04	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 1 – Friday 19 April at 4.15pm at St Matthew's School



26/04	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> <b>Session 2</b> – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William's School.
03/05	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> <b>Session 3</b> – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
17/05	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> <b>Session 4</b> – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
24/05	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> <b>Session 5</b> – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
01/06	<b>Sacramental Preparation Course</b> <b>Session 6</b> – Saturday 1 June at 10am in St. William's Church to practice for the Holy Communion
02/06	All those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will do so at the 11am Solemn Mass in St Williams's Church on Sunday 2 June which is the solemnity of <b>The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi.</b>

### 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 Friday Swimming**

**Holly Class Friday's**

### Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 11/03/24.

St William's Catholic Primary School					
WEEK 2					
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>MAINS</b>	Mild Chicken Curry Spaghetti Marinara	Quorn Sausage in a Roll Hot Chicken Burger Mac n Cheese	Roast of the Day Hot Chicken Burger Soya Mince Cottage Pie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mascarpone Pasta	Battered Fillet of Fish Salmon Potatoes Savoury Roll
<b>SIDES</b>	Rice Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Herby Potatoes Crusty Bread Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Crusty Bread Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedgites Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads
<b>OTHER OPTIONS</b>	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pansini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pansini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pansini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pansini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Jam Pie Bar Freshly Prepared Fruit	Flagjack Freshly Prepared Fruit	Individual Ice Cream Tubs Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Butterfly Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit

**Have a lovely weekend,**

**See you all on**

**Monday 11 March 2024**

**at 8.45am.**



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

### Diocese of Leeds Music

Bradford Catholic Youth Choir Concerts coming soon!  
Senior Choirs on Thursday 14th of March (7pm) and  
Junior Choirs on Sunday 17th of March (4pm).  
Fabulous music, fantastic voices, do not miss them! All  
information below!




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**81 Kirkgate, BD18 3LR**

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