





St. William's Weekly News Round 8 September 2023

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

Welcome to the new academic year!

I am delighted to inform you that the children have returned to school positively and have made a wonderful start already. We welcome especially the children who have joined our school family Doretta, Semilore, Daniel, Nahom, Ewa, Adriana, David, Michael, Anchor, Janaya, Fabian, Destiny-Rae, Tymon, Julian, Dexter, Korneliusz, Mia, Jason, Lidya, King, William, Olivia, Joel. Jeffery, Happiness and Jaden. We also offer a warm welcome to Fr Darren, our new parish priest who visited school on Wednesday, taking a tour of the school and meeting pupils in each classroom. We pray for each of us as we journey together in our love of God. Please join us on Tuesday, 12th Sept at 10am in St. William's Church for a special Mass to mark the new year. We are very proud of our pupils in their smart uniforms, showing that they belong to our school and contribute to achieving our Mission:

The family of St. William's Catholic Primary School holds Christ at our heart and lives by the virtues, to provide a loving, caring and safe learning environment.

We celebrate and welcome our diverse community, recognising we are all unique in the eyes of God.

Working together with parents and the wider community, we positively promote a love of learning that is exciting, knowing that learning can be challenging, we work to build resilience in



Home/School Communication



To help save our planet we use the Class Dojo app that is free and easy to download on a phone (or any electronic device) for sharing

school news immediately. It is essential that parents/carers check this for messages from class teachers and important notices; every Friday you will see the weekly newsletter celebrating our pupils' learning and achievements and key dates/events for you. This week and to get all parents connected we are holding a prize draw on Friday, 15th September for all children whose parent/carer views today's newsletter via class dojo. Please stay connected and if need any support with this please just ASK.

An invitation to you and your family:

Please join us at Mass at St. William's Church at **11am Sunday 10 September, for Education Sunday.** The theme comes from St Matthew's Gospel: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them (18:20)." It will be a wonderful occasion for our pupils to join St. William's parishioners and for parents/carers, who have not already done so, to meet Fr. Darren. **Pupils, wear your uniform with pride!**

Book Bags



Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store rucksacks in school and for health & safety reasons, we want all our pupils to carry our book bags for their reading book

and record. Book bags will be available to buy from the School Office for £7.00 in the next couple of weeks; Mrs Gadd will send out a Dojo Message when they are available. Thank you to those who have already made requests to order one for your child.

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 £2.05 per day and

£10.25 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.

Happy News to share...



Mrs Smith is expecting a baby! I am sure you, like me, wish Mrs & Mr Smith every blessing at this special time.

After-School Clubs

New forms for the After-School Clubs for Autumn 1 2023 will be sent home from Monday 11 September, please check your child's book bag. However, there is limited spaces on each club. A Dojo message will be sent to each child's parent confirming if a place is allocated or not.

<u>Remember these are on a first come, first served basis</u> and no guarantee for sibling places.

Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2023

All members of staff and governors complete annual safeguarding training but safeguarding children is everyone's business and I ask all of you to make it a priority to know how to protect and safeguard your child(ren). Read Part One and Annex Five of the document https://www.gov.uk.

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 to collect the children from school at 3:15pm to collect other 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.

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



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Konrad, Enoch, Suzanna, Amaan Happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

Reading Volunteers.... we need YOU!



Reading is **FUN**damental and an essential life skill. As a school, we place great emphasis on this and your child, regularly reads with adults in school. We would

love to hear from you if you could spare some time each week to come into a class and help our children with their reading, please give the school office a call if you are interested: 01274 545743. All volunteers must complete safeguarding checks with me (Miss Parker), in my role as Designated Safeguarding Lead.

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:

12/09	Horse's Visiting School
12/09	Flute lessons will resume for
	Beech and Lime Class
12/09	KS2 Mass for the new year 10am
	in church
19/09	Holly Mass 10am church
21/09	Parents Tea/Coffee Afternoon
26/09	Lime Mass in church 10am
29/09	you are welcome to join
	MacMillan Coffee morning and
	community event in school
03/10	10am Beech Class Mass in church
15/10	Sunday Family School Mass
	11am in (readers etc)

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.



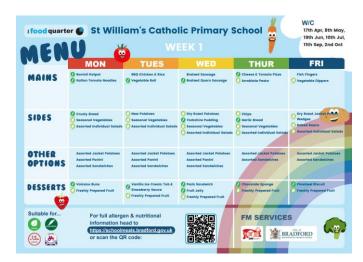
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2023 / 2024 Academic Year

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Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 11/09/23



Bradford District Care

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 19th September 2023 Topic: "Supporting your child: Strengthening Relationships".





Our School Nursing, School Immunisation and Special Needs School Nursing teams see children who attend mainstream and special needs schools throughout their school lives. Children who do not have a school place or see waiting for one also come under the care of our School Nursing teams.

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Our Family Health Services website Better Lives, Healthy Futures has lots of helpful information you can trust, produced by the School Nursing teams and other health and welbeing experts to support parents and cares of school age children: https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/



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Have a lovely weekend, See you all on Monday 11 September 2023 at 8.45am.

